



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Community Risk Assessment

Date: Aug. 12, 2024

Report Number: FIR-2024-08-20

Department: Fire and Emergency Services

File Number: C11 FIR24

Prepared By: Jeff Bradley

Attachments: Community Risk Assessment

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby receives for information Report Number FIR-2024-08-20 Community Risk Assessment, prepared by Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopt the Community Risk Assessment (CRA) to be used to inform future decisions on fire protection services within the Township of Huron-Kinloss;

AND FURTHER that Staff be authorized to submit the adopted CRA to the Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management (OFMEM) for approval.

Background:

In 2019 legislation was passed in the Province of Ontario requiring each municipality complete a community risk assessment and then use that assessment to inform decisions about the provision of fire protection services in that Municipality.

This comprehensive assessment provides valuable insights into potential risks and vulnerabilities within our community, allowing us to prioritize resources and strategies for effective fire protection. By approving this document, the Council demonstrates its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents in Huron-Kinloss. The data and analysis presented in the Community Risk Assessment will serve as a crucial tool in developing and implementing proactive measures to enhance our fire protection services and emergency response capabilities.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Based on Ontario Regulation 378/18 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act every municipality must undergo a process of identifying, evaluating and prioritizing risks to public safety in a way that is approved by the Ontario Fire Marshal. This document must be completed no later than July 1st, 2024, and must include a geographic profile, a building stock profile, a critical infrastructure profile, a demographic profile, a hazard profile, a public safety response profile, a community services profile, an economic profile, and a past loss and event history profile, all of which are defined by the regulation.

Many of the issues identified by this assessment are items that the Fire Department has already adjusted their programs and procedures to address, however going forward this document will be helpful in guiding plans for future initiatives. Going forward this document will be required to be reviewed annually and updated. The assessment process is also required to be completed in its entirety every five years.

This ensures that the Fire Departments remain proactive in addressing potential risks and improving overall safety measures. By regularly reviewing and updating the assessment document., the fire department can stay ahead of emerging challenges and continuously enhance emergency response capabilities.

Financial Impacts:

This assessment will be used for planning and budgeting process. Working through this process the Township of Huron-Kinloss has the ability to plan for future needs and as such plan for future investment in fire protection needs based on the growth and diversity of the Township.

Performance Measurement:

Measurables will be identified through efficiency and effectiveness of the Community Risk Assessment with annually review and reassessment completed every five years.

Strategic Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Strive for continuous improvement and increased efficiency

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jeff Bradley Fire Chief

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer