



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Social Service Agreement – Bruce County

Prepared By: Chris Cleave, Fire Chief/CEMC

Department: Fire & Emergency Services

Date: May. 3, 2021

Report Number: FIRE-2021-05-12

File Number: C-11-FIRE21

Attachments: Agreement

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number FIRE2021-05-12 prepared by Chris Cleave, Fire Chief / CEMC and authorizes entering into an Emergency Social Services agreement with the County of Bruce AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-Law coming forward.

Background:

The addition of an Emergency Social Services agreement to our Emergency Response Plan is an enhancement to our Emergency Management Program.

The purpose of this program is to support the planning and delivery of Emergency Social Services (ESS) within our Township.

The County of Bruce has been working with the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) on the development of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU will be the exact same between the County and each of the eight lower tier municipality.

Discussion:

Input has been provided by the Huron-Kinloss CEMC in the development of this MOU.

The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate transparent, consistent, and effective Emergency Social Services responses to large scale emergencies in collaboration between the County, lower tier municipalities, and the Canadian Red Cross.

It will also facilitate staff training and engagement. The MOU provides a framework outlining key roles and responsibilities of each organization, including ESS preparedness and activation, set up and operation of Reception and/or Evacuation

Centres, the provision of human services supports, and the collection and distribution of materials, equipment, and supplies in the context of an Incident Management System (IMS) and related structure.

The MOU also outlines services available through the Canadian Red Cross and related fee for service costs as per the Emergency Response Agreement between the County of Bruce and the Red Cross (By-law 2021-003, January 14, 2021).

Financial Impacts:

Financial impacts will be incident specific and will be based on the needs of our response and are not measurable at this time. The MOU does details specific costs for service from the red cross if/when needed during a response.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having services and amenities nearby.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Chris Cleave, Fire Chief/CEMC

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer