



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Updated Huron County Medical Tiered Response Agreement**

**Prepared By: Chris Cleave**

**Department: Fire & Emergency Services**

**Date: Sep. 7, 2022**

**Report Number: FIRE-2022-09-29**

**File Number: C11-FIRE-22**

#### **Attachments:**

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#### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report No. FIRE-2022-09-29 prepared by Chris Cleave Fire Chief AND approves an amended Huron County Medical Tiered Response Agreement AND FUTHER approves the appropriate By-law coming forward.

#### **Background:**

In 2020 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss adopted a standardized Medical Tiered Response Policy for both the Lucknow and District and Ripley-Huron Fire Departments allowing for the provisions of a consistent medical response criteria for the Township as a whole.

This policy considers the most serious medical response needs of our community and is based on the principle that the Fire Departments will respond only to those medical calls that meet the challenge of "Obvious Immediate Threat" to an individual's life and/or safety. A Copy of the approved policy and by-law are attached to this report for your reference.

This policy was implemented prior to the Township of Huron-Kinloss assuming management responsibilities for the Lucknow and District Fire Department.

#### **Discussion:**

At present the Medical Tiered Medical Response Policy, the associated agreement and the approved response criteria is only in place with Bruce County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The Lucknow and District Fire Department also services residents in Huron County.

Huron County EMS still has in place its COVID-19 dispatch protocols for tiered response. This means Fire wasn't being dispatched in most circumstances. Huron County EMS has advised the Fire Chief that they will be removing these protocols in the very near future and return to normal operations. Huron EMS is the only EMS provider in the area that still has these protocols in place.

A separate agreement with Huron County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is required. At present the Lucknow and District Fire Department has a legacy agreement in place with Huron County EMS that is not consistent with the Townships approved policy on Medical Tiered Response.

The current agreement in place with Huron EMS has all 35 response criteria checked off. Our current policy only identifies and approves 15 of the 35 response criteria that fire departments should respond to.

The newly amended Huron EMS agreement submitted with this report will mirror the response criteria currently in place with Bruce County EMS and will be consistent with what council has approved within our Medical Tiered Response Policy.

**Financial Impacts:**

None

**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

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer