

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 19, 2010				Report Date	Wednesday, March 17, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
North Renfrew Emergency Response Unit Agreement Report 19/03/10/203									

Subject: By-law of the Town of Deep River with Appendix including the Agreement to be signed by all three municipalities.

RECOMMENDATION: *That Council agree to the suggested Option "B" and pass the by-law at this meeting.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2010-08 being a by-law to adopt option "B" as the Auto Extrication (Rescue) Unit Agreement be read a third time short and passed.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As per the attached emails from Dan Koroscil, we have no obligation to continue to provide this service as we do not have a fire department. Many municipalities are considering not providing this service as there is no specific funding for providing highway response anymore. Deep River and Laurentian Hills have to continue as they are fire departments and already provide the service. They can not reduce the level of service they provide.

As per the email circulated prior to the Joint meeting last week with Wayne's comments, it is likely that should HCM not continue, the service would likely be provided by LH and DR and we would be invoiced. The auto-ex vehicle may be used within our municipality as well as along Highway 17. The agreement with Mattawa is the one that stipulated that the service is only for along Highway 17.

For the small amount of money that we are contributing to this cause and the vital service that we receive in return, for our ratepayers and residents as well as the general public, it is my recommendation that this Council continue with this agreement.

For less than \$1,000 per year, are you willing to be accountable for the loss of any life? Resident or not?

From the previous meetingWayne Kirby has drafted two options for consideration. The current document has both included and does not work. The decision must be made to go with either a per capita or fixed percentage basis. In most cases, operation costs are covered by fees recovered during the use of the apparatus. It is only when capital purchases are required that are extra-ordinary will requests for additional funding occur.

Agreement Option "A" has a capital contribution breakdown on a per capita basis. Option "B" has a breakdown of capital spending on a fixed basis. Laurentian Hills has agreed to a fixed percentage basis. Our share would be 14%, each of Deep River and Laurentian Hills would contribute 43%.

Options/Discussion:

Consideration: The expanse of highway within our municipality.

- o The use of the equipment by Deep River during non-emergency operations.
- o The fact that this municipality would have no other option to provide this service should this Council not continue in this agreement.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Budget impact for 2010 has been decided.

This would commit Council to \$800 for each of the next three years. ***As per the Fire Chiefs, after this equipment purchase there are no other expected capital expenses for another 10 plus years. We can begin to save for the next replacement vehicle which will likely be in 30 plus years.***

Policy Impact: None

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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