



CENTRAL YORK FIRE SERVICES

2015-02-19

Fire Services Report 2015-03

To: Joint Council Committee

Origin: Central York Fire Services - Fire Chief

Subject: East Gwillimbury **Fire Protection Agreement**

RECOMMENDATIONS

a) THAT Fire Services Report 2015-03 dated February 19, 2015 regarding East Gwillimbury Fire Protection Agreement be received and the following recommendations be adopted;

I) THAT Central York Fire Services (CYFS) be authorized to enter into an interim agreement which will provide emergency response services into East Gwillimbury to assist with servicing the northbound Highway 404 corridor from Davis Drive to Queensville Sideroad;

ii) AND THAT the East Gwillimbury Fire Protection Agreement contain the same conditions as the CYFS/Whitchurch-Stouffville and King Township agreements;

iii) AND THAT CYFS, East Gwillimbury Emergency Services and the Chief Administrative Officers of the respective municipalities be authorized to execute this Fire Protection Services agreement.

COMMENTS

Central York Fire Services was approached by East Gwillimbury Emergency Services (EGES) to assist with primary emergency response coverage relating directly to the new Highway 404 extension. As the closest EGES fire station to the new highway is located at Queensville Sideroad, there are access issues for the northbound lanes of Hwy 404 between Davis Drive and Queensville Sideroad. Without CYFS assistance, any northbound 404 incidents would require EGES to respond from Queensville Sideroad southbound to either Green Lane or Davis Drive and exit the highway to access the northbound lanes of Highway 404. This could add considerable time to their emergency response and result in delayed rescue efforts.

Discussions with EGES commenced prior to the opening of the highway extension and a memorandum was circulated to the 2014 JCC members outlining the request for assistance as well as an outline for cost recovery.

This agreement does not affect the long standing and provincially mandated Mutual Aid program which is a no-cost reciprocal agreement.

BUDGET IMPACT

There is a nominal positive budget variation associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

This report was developed after consultation with East Gwillimbury Fire Services, CYFS staff and CAO's Shelton and Webster.

IMPACT ON THE MASTER FIRE PLAN

There is no impact on the Master Fire Plan.

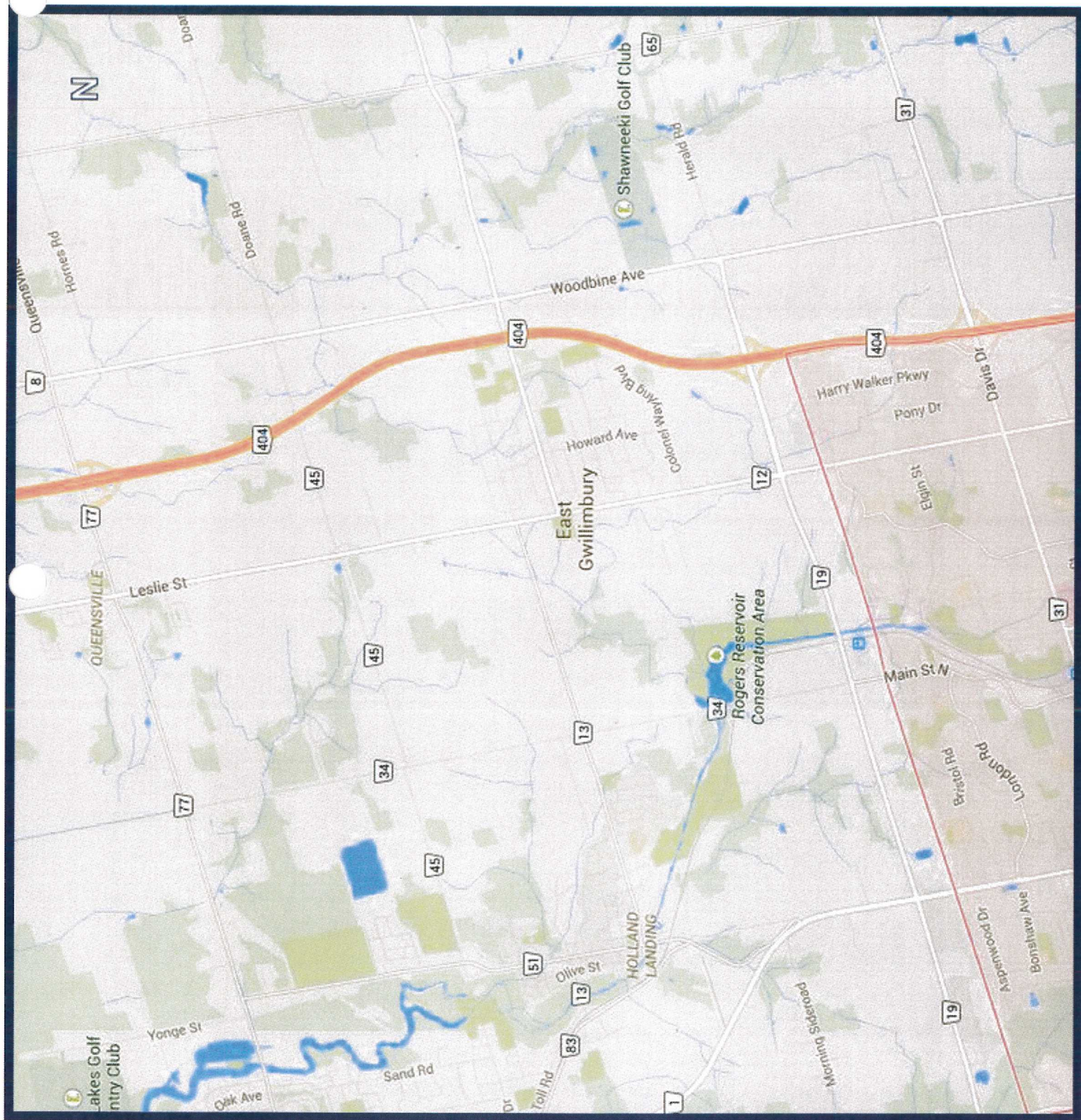
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Att: Map of Highway 404 north of Newmarket
Highway 404 MOU



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Central York Fire Services (Corporation of the Town of Newmarket)

And

East Gwillimbury Emergency Services (Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury)

In the interest of providing timely and appropriate resources to emergency incidents, the following Memorandum Of Understanding outlines the proposed principles of an interim Emergency Services Agreement between Central York Fire Services (CYFS), and the Town of East Gwillimbury Emergency Services (EGES) :

- CYFS agrees to provide, at all times, emergency incident response for the northbound lanes of Highway 404 between Davis Drive and Queensville Sideroad whenever called upon to do so, and as per the current dispatch protocols as laid-out in Schedule "A".
- In the event CYFS is unable to respond to an emergency incident within the Highway 404 corridor between Davis Drive and Queensville Sideroad due to the prior, or imminent, deployment of its equipment and personnel CYFS shall advise EGES by informing the Richmond Hill Dispatch Centre and the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services Dispatch Centre by radio that CYFS is unable to respond.
- East Gwillimbury agrees to pay Newmarket a stand-by retainer fee \$5,000 annually.
- In addition to the standby retainer fee, CYFS will be compensated with a "per incident fee" consisting of the current MTO hourly rate plus an additional per hour fee for each Captain and Firefighter on the responding apparatus. This rate will be the actual per hour rate for a CYFS Captains and Firefighters.

- All outstanding invoices will be paid to the Town of Newmarket within 30 days of the receipt of the invoice.
- Incident monitoring will be regularly conducted and operational considerations will be reviewed by senior CYFS and EGES personnel after each incident.
- This Agreement shall be deemed to have come into force on January 1, 2015 and continue until December 31, 2015.

By signing this memorandum, EGES and CYFS agree to abide by the principles contained herein.

Dated:

Fire Chief Ian Laing
Central York Fire Services

Bob Shelton, CAO
Town of Newmarket

Fire Chief Phil Dawson
East Gwillimbury Emergency Services

Thomas Webster, CAO
Town of East Gwillimbury