



CENTRAL YORK FIRE SERVICES

An Update to the Consolidated Fire Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket and the Corporation of Town of Aurora Fire Services Report

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To: Joint Council Committee
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Recommendations

1. That Fire Services Report JCC-2020-12 dated November 24, 2020 entitled An Update to the Consolidated Fire Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket and the Corporation of Town of Aurora be received; and,
2. That Joint Council Committee provide feedback to staff related to the recommended amendments to Consolidated Fire Service Agreement (**Attachment 1**); and,
3. That staff be directed to incorporate feedback received from Joint Council Committee and report back to a future meeting; and,
4. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Joint Council Committee (JCC) with an updated review of the consolidated fire agreement between the Town of Newmarket and Town of Aurora that was completed by Central York Fire Services (CYFS) staff. The final updated by-law fire agreement will be presented to JCC at a future meeting for approval.

Background

The Town of Aurora and the Town of Newmarket consolidated their two fire departments in January of 2002. The consolidation was very successful collaboration by the two Towns, management of the fire departments and the two labour representatives – the Aurora Professional Firefighters Association and the Newmarket Professional Firefighters Association.

As a consequence of this forward thinking decision to consolidate the fire services resources available, the two Towns have benefited from a professional fire service that is equipped and trained to provide a comprehensive range of emergency services. Central York Fire Services ranks in size among the top twenty-five services in Ontario.

The Town of Aurora and the Town of Newmarket are protected by a fire service that is able to respond effectively, professionally and competently to a wide range of emergencies and hazards and to provide comprehensive public safety education programs, fire safety inspections and investigations of fire incidents.

A consolidated agreement was created to provide guidance and establish the framework for the operation of the new department. This consolidated agreement was intended to provide a structured agreement for the consolidation of the two services and to provide direction for the new fire service.

With the passage of almost 20 years since the enactment of the original agreement, the contract was reviewed and amendments have been presented to bring the contract current to align with the existing operations of CYFS (see **Attachment 1**).

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that JCC review the recommended amendments made by CYFS staff and provide any further feedback consideration in an effort to update the consolidated fire agreement to current practises. The final agreement will be presented at a future JCC meeting.

Consultation

The Senior Fire Management Team consulted with the Town of Newmarket Legal Department.

Impact On The Master Fire Plan

This report has no impact on the Master Fire Plan.

Contact

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Attachments

Attachment 1 – Draft amendments to Consolidated Fire Services Agreement