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REPORT RE: 2011 WORK PLAN

REPORT NO: FC 01-2011 (Dept. 11)

SUBJECT: 2011 WORK PLAN – EMERGENCY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

That report FC-01-2011 be received.

BACKGROUND:

2010 was a successful year in the eyes of the administration. We took possession of a new Pumper/Rescue, replacing an aging rescue van and water tanker; we have successfully initiated our new recruit program, hiring seven new recruits from an applicant pool of more than thirty; we have formalized our training program in an effort to ensure our firefighters are competent in all areas of fire protection services; and we have created an atmosphere where we are one department, operating from two locations. The following represents the basic intentions of the division for 2011.

ADMINISTRATION

Continuing with a review of the existing fire protection agreements and the on-going negotiations of same.

Continuing with the review of our overall response capabilities. As identified in the 2011 capital forecast, plans are being considered for the establishment of an additional service delivery point in 2014.

Continual review of our fire prevention and public education programs. 2011 will see an increased commitment to fire prevention inspections in our multi-residential occupancies, including those facilities that house persons requiring special care and considerations.

2011 will also see the implementation of two new public education programs. The first is a fire safety education book that is published by a firm called the Community Safety Net. The firm solicits funds

from local businesses and organizations which in turn sponsors books for the children. The books contain approximately 70 pages of safety messages, again geared towards the primary ages. The second program is a shopping bag promotion. A local business(s) is partnering with our department to design a reusable shopping bag to be distributed from the local retail outlets. The bag will have fire safety messages on one side, and the business logo/promotion on the other. It is hoped that approximately 5,000 bags will be distributed throughout 2011.

FIRE SUPPRESSION

The major capital expenditure proposed for 2011 is the replacement of CAR 1, the administration vehicle for the department. The vehicle is a 2003 Chev pick-up with extended cab. Mileage is currently in the 150,000 km range. The purchase will facilitate the removal from service of the 1997 Chev Utility vehicle currently assigned to Station 40 (Sauble). The 2003 Chev will replace this vehicle within the operations of the station.

The Uniforms and Clothing budget has been increased by \$2700.00 to facilitate the purchase of station uniforms for the firefighters. The two firefighters associations have agreed to fund 50% of the total cost of the purchase. The provision of uniforms for the firefighters promotes the department in a positive fashion and displays a professional image to the public. The partnering with the firefighters associations is also a very positive step and aligns itself well with the future direction of the department.

Crossing Guards

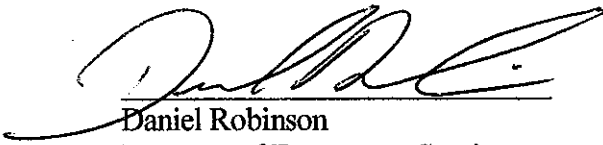
There are no significant changes proposed for the crossing guard program in 2011. One minor change that has been implemented is the placement of a crossing guard at the intersection of George St. and John St. This change was implemented as a result of the traffic concerns (both vehicular and pedestrian). Staff has monitored the change and is satisfied that the placement of a guard at this location addresses the concerns that were brought forth.

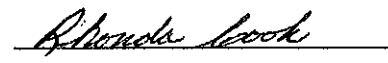
Budget Implications

The proposed 2011 budget contains staff's best assessment on the needs of the department. Back-up sheets are available to identify the general nature of expenditures within each account. The back-up information is not intended to be stringent with respect to the amount of monies to be spent on each item but rather a guideline for staff to ensure that expenses are monitored for the varying activities and responsibilities of the department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by,


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