

Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury

Recommendation to Council

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Date of meeting: June 10, 2019

Subject: Exchange of services - Champlain Township

Recommendation

Whereas the Town of Hawkesbury was approached by Champlain Township to discuss, once again, the possibility to extend the water and sewer services to part of Champlain Township, a parcel of land along County Road 17 and;

Whereas Champlain Township wishes to discuss certain joint services with the Town of Hawkesbury;

Be it resolved that Municipal Council form a committee consisting with the following members: _____, including Philippe Timbers, treasurer and Daniel Gatien, CAO, to participate in an initial meeting with both Municipalities in order to discuss issues raised by Champlain Township, as recommended in document 2019_REC_50.

Explanation, history, context

On April 16, 2019, Mrs Assaly, Mayor and I met with Mr Riopel, Mayor and Champlain's CAO, Mrs Paula Knudsen to discuss the following issues:

Emergency calls

Champlain's Mayor raises the fact that municipal officials are concerned about the number of calls for mutual assistance from the Town of Hawkesbury, to which they have to answer. According to them, it seems that all calls concerning fires are calls asking for mutual assistance. The insufficient number of firefighters in Hawkesbury, answering emergency calls, seems to be the source of the numerous calls. The fire at a residence on Régent Street and the fire at Prémoulé were pointed out.

They agree to continue to answer our calls asking for additional help when there is a lack of personnel in answering emergency calls made to Hawkesbury, provided the Town of Hawkesbury answers emergency calls for County Road 17, from the cement plant to Carillon Garden. Another option would be for the Town of Hawkesbury to pay for the cost of the Champlain firefighters and the cost of the equipment based on the Ministry of Transportation rates.

We confirmed that we are aware of the problem regarding the personnel answering the emergency calls from our Municipality. We informed them of our recruitment process and training of our new volunteer firefighters. The problem to be solved in a very near future.

Non-urgent calls dispatching

Champlain Township is asking our Emergency Call Dispatching Service to identify the non-urgent calls they receive for Champlain Township so their emergency service does not have to answer the call. It was confirmed that Champlain Township will submit an official protocol showing the types of calls that should be directed to the chosen services. Our responsibility is to answer calls and transfer them to the emergency services. Following our request, Champlain Township will submit their guidelines.

Water and sanitary sewer provision - County Road 17

This is a long-standing issue and the newly elected officials from Champlain Township wish to inquire once again about the opportunity to have access to water and sanitary sewer services, along County Road 17. They are willing to negotiate an agreement.

I think this request is an opportune time for both Municipalities. It seems that the new provincial government wishes Municipalities be more vigilant about their expenses in order to meet the Province's financial cuts. The Province calls for a municipal 4% cut in budget expenditures, which amounts to approximately \$640,000.00 for the Town of Hawkesbury.

I recommend Municipal Council form a committee consisting of three (3) members from the Municipal Council, the treasurer and the CAO in order to meet with Champlain's Municipal Council. Thereafter, we will develop and submit an action plan followed by a recommendation for the next steps. If we go ahead with this issue, we will require funds for consultants and so we can carefully prepare for negotiations, if negotiations do take place.

Options/alternatives

Refuse to meet with Champlain's Municipal Council

Impact on budget

Hiring consultants, amount to be determined at a later date

Relevant studies

To follow

Supporting document

None

Department(s) involved

None

Submitted and recommended by

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June 10, 2019

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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