

Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury

Recommendation to Council

N° 2019_REC_59

File N°: L06-01

Date of meeting: August 26, 2019

Subject: Purchase of cyber insurance

Recommendation

Whereas cyber attacks are more and more frequent no matter the size of the targeted organisation, and;

Whereas it would be wise to subscribe to a cyber insurance in order to support the Town in the event of such an occurrence.

Be it resolved to accept the offer from BFL Canada in the amount of \$7,579.00 plus applicable tax, for a \$1,000,000.00 liability with a \$25,000.00 deductible over a 12-month period, as recommended in document 2019_REC_59.

Explanation, history, context

We are all aware that cyber attacks can happen at any given moment and can be initiated by a random stranger or even one of our own employees. BFL, our insurance broker, had recommended we subscribe to a cyber insurance, but the annual premium is expensive.

This insurance, however, give the Town access to a full team of experts who can handle a cyber attack at any level. If the Town's information system is attacked, we will not only have to face a service interruption, but also the theft of personal and financial information. This insurance covers punitive damages the Town would have to pay, defense costs, the losses caused by a network interruption, the letters that would have to be sent to all those affected by the theft of personal information, the data recovery, the monies paid for extortion, etc.

Since our computer system is hosted by the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, any cyber attack of the UCPR's network would be covered by the UCPR's insurance.

Impact on budget

The Town did not budget for a cyber insurance in 2019. The annual invoice of \$7,579.00 plus the provincial tax represents a monthly payment of around \$682.11. If it becomes effective as of September 1, this coverage will amount to \$2,728.44 for 2019 and could be taken from the Insurance Reserve in the amount of \$43,090.14 as of December 31, 2018.

Relevant studies

n/a

Supporting document(s)

Quote from BFL

Communication plan

n/a

Department(s) involved

All

Submitted and recommended by

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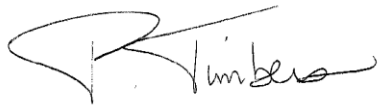
Comments of the Chief Administrative Officer

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