

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

REPORT NO. GFRS-2022-0002

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL**

November 30, 2022

**SUBJECT: HIGHWAY 404 RESPONSE AGREEMENT – EAST GWILLIMBURY
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES**

1. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council receive Report No. GFRS-2022-0002 prepared by the Georgina Fire & Rescue Services dated November 30, 2022 respecting the Highway 404 Response Agreement between the Georgina Fire & Rescue Services and East Gwillimbury Emergency & Community Safety Services.
2. That Council approves of the continuation of the Response Agreement and authorizes the Director of Emergency Services and Fire Chief to execute the Agreement for a period of five years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2028.

2. PURPOSE:

This report is to seek Council approval of the response agreement between Georgina Fire & Rescue Services (Georgina) and East Gwillimbury Emergency & Community Safety Services (East Gwillimbury) to continue responding to incidents on Highway 404.

3. BACKGROUND:

In 2014 the East Gwillimbury approached the Georgina to assist them in responding to emergencies on Highway 404. Council authorized this response agreement between the two departments and a Memorandum of Understanding was executed. An extension of the Memorandum of Understanding was approved in 2015.

In 2017, Council approved the executing of a Response Agreement between the two parties, this Agreement will be expiring on December 31, 2022. The Highway 404 Response Agreement, for approval is attached as Attachment 1.

4. ANALYSIS:

The continuation of this response agreement between the two departments is essential in providing effective emergency services to our residents and visitors of Georgina.

The response protocol for emergencies is in the southbound lanes of Highway 404 from the entry point off Woodbine Avenue at Ravenshoe Road to Queensville Side Road and includes the initial dispatch of one (1) fire apparatus from Station 1-4 in Keswick and the response of the Queensville Fire Station.

Georgina Fire & Rescue Services		
CRITERIA	ZONE	RESOURCES
Response	Highway 404 southbound between Ravenshoe Road and Queensville Sideroad	Apparatus and personnel as necessary – Current MTO rates

5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Promote a High Quality of Life

Engage Our Community & Build Partnerships

Deliver Exceptional Service

6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Georgina Fire & Rescue Services – Fixed Annual Revenue		
YEAR	ANNUAL RETAINER WILL BE INCREASED AS PER THE ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	VARIABLE COST PER INCIDENT
2023	\$7,000	CURRENT MTO Rates \$509.89 (2022) per hour per apparatus (reviewed annually by MTO)
2024	TBD	CURRENT MTO Rates
2025	TBD	CURRENT MTO Rates
2026	TBD	CURRENT MTO Rates
2027	TBD	CURRENT MTO Rates
2028	TBD	CURRENT MTO Rates

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

This report is provided for Council's information as such there is no reference for public consultation or notice.

8. CONCLUSION:

The continued response agreement between the fire departments will best serve the public and firefighter safety.

APPROVALS

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