

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

REPORT NO. GFRS-2024-0001

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL**

May 29, 2024

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW 2004-0040 (FI-1); BEING A BY-LAW TO
ESTABLISH AND REGULATE A FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council receive Report No. GFRS-2024-0001 prepared by the Georgina Fire and Rescue Services dated May 29, 2024 respecting amendments to By-law 2004-0040 (FI-1).
2. That Council approve and adopt the attached By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department.

2. PURPOSE:

To update our existing by-law to establish and regulate a fire department, which was enacted in 2004.

3. BACKGROUND:

The Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, as amended, allows Council to enact a By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department which outlines the fire protection programs and services our fire department provides to our community. One of the recommendations in the 2016 Fire Master Plan was to update and review our existing by-law to better reflect the current status and needs of our community.

Staff completed a thorough and comprehensive review of our existing by-law and referenced best practices as provided by the Ontario Fire Marshal. The proposed amended By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department in the Town of Georgina is now representative of our current standards and practices relating to fire protection programs and services we provide to our residents and stakeholders, as well as visitors to Georgina.

A summary of the amendments to our proposed by-law are as follows:

- **Preamble:** Refreshed and updated to provide further Fire Protection and Prevention Act and Municipal Act authorities.
- **Department Structure:** Revised to meet the current status of our fire service.

- **Approved Services and Programs:** Updated; Section 4.2 is new.
- **Responsibilities and Authority of the Fire Chief:** Refreshed; Sections 6(h) and (i) are new.
- **Powers:** Section 7 was refreshed; 7.2(c) to 7.3 are new.
- **Recovery of Costs:** Section 9 is new.
- **Obstruction:** Section 10 was renamed from Interference to Obstruction.
- **Responding to Rescues and Emergencies:** Section 11 is new.
- **Appendix A – Organizational Chart:** updated and refreshed.
- **Appendix B – Approved Services and Programs:** updated and refreshed to reflect current standards and practices of our fire department.

4. ANALYSIS:

The revisions proposed in the amended By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department are supported from the guidance material received from the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal as well as an environmental scan of surrounding fire services.

Our amended by-law is now reflective of our current standards and practices in providing fire protection programs and services to our residents and stakeholders, as well as visitors to Georgina.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Delivering service excellence

Creating a vibrant, healthy, and safe community for all

6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

This report is provided for Council's information; as such there is no financial or budgetary impact

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

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

8. CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve and adopt the attached By-law, which will come into effect and force on May 29, 2024.

APPROVALS

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Proposed By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department