

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

REPORT NO. GFRS-2021-0004

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL**

September 22, 2021

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW 2016-0024 (FI-4) AND SCHEDULE "A"
FEES AND CHARGES; BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH FIRE AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES FEES IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

1. RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council receive Report No. GFRS-2021-0004 prepared by the Georgina Fire & Rescue Services dated September 22, 2021 respecting amendments to By-law 2016-0024 (FI-4).
2. That Council directs Staff to provide Public Notice of the proposed By-law to Establish Fire and Emergency Services Fees in the Town of Georgina.
3. That Council, after the appropriate notice period, approves and adopts the amended By-law to Establish Fire and Emergency Services Fees in the Town of Georgina.

2. PURPOSE:

For Georgina Fire & Rescue Services to obtain cost recovery, in line with our York Region Fire Services, for services and equipment that is deployed in order to respond to situations arising from incidents, inspections or services and any breaches of the Town's By-laws and as set out in Section 391 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 and the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, 1997 as amended.

3. BACKGROUND:

Our current Fees and Charges By-law was amended in 2016. Staff undertook a cost comparison of all York Region Fire Services to review service fees charged for cost recovery. The proposed amendments to the By-law to Establish Fire and Emergency Services Fees in the Town of Georgina reflects current standards and practices throughout York Region. The attached Cost Comparison Table reflects our current fees, our proposed fees and the comparison fees of all York Region Municipalities.

4. ANALYSIS:

The purpose of the cost comparison pertains to our key performance measure to ensure cost recovery of our service delivery remains in line with other York Region Fire Services.

Our proposed fee increases reflect comparison of the other York Region municipalities.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Engage our community & build partnerships

Deliver exceptional service

6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Revenue generated using our proposed fees will be estimated in our 2023 budget process.

7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Notice to the public will be undertaken as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

A Public Notice will be published on the Town Page of the Georgina Advocate for three weeks on September 30th, October 7th and October 14th, 2021

8. CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the changes made to the Fees and Charges By-law and in Schedule “A” and that the attached By-law be adopted and By-law 2016-0024 be rescinded to all Georgina Fire & Rescue Services to move forward commencing January 1, 2022 in its cost recovery processes.

APPROVALS

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Cost Recovery Comparison Table

Attachment 2 – Proposed By-Law

Attachment 3 – Notice to the Public