



Staff Report FIRE2022-003

Title of Report: FIRE2022-003- Shelburne Automatic Aid Agreement
Department: Fire
Council Date: February 16, 2022

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report FIRE2022-002 for information; and

That Council consider approval of By-law 2022-027 being an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Shelburne and District Fire Department Joint Board of Management.

Background:

When fires occur in rural areas fire departments must transport water to the scene utilizing tanker trucks as municipal hydrants are not available. The majority of structure fires in the rural area require a minimum of three tankers to create an efficient tanker shuttle operation to provide adequate water. Fire departments have originally just summoned neighbouring communities tankers under the provisions of the Ontario Mutual Aid Program. According to the Mutual Aid Program a request for mutual aid can only be requested by the Incident Commander. The Incident Commander is established once the first fire apparatus arrives on scene.

Staff Comments:

Staff have worked with our legal team and created an Automatic Aid Agreement for tanker operations. This agreement is built utilizing a reciprocal service where both Shelburne and District Fire Department and The Dundalk Fire Department will be automatically dispatched for a tanker truck only in the agreed fire areas if there is a confirmed structure fire. This will increase fire protection to our rural residents by having a water supply established faster as the neighbouring tanker truck will arrive to the scene ten to fifteen minutes earlier than if requested by mutual aid. The Shelburne and District Fire Department Joint Board of Management has reviewed the agreement at their February 1st meeting and is in agreeance to enter into the Automatic Aid Agreement.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications due to this agreement as the service would be summonsed under the Provincial Mutual Aid Plan regardless.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public. Southgate Goal #1-A – Trusted, Timely, Transparent, Decision Making.

Concluding Comments:

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: *Original Signed By*
Derek Malynyk, Fire Chief Official

CAO Approval: *Original Signed*
Dave Milliner, CAO