



Staff Report CL2022-009

Title of Report: CL2022-009 – PSB By-law – False Alarm By-law Approval
Department: Clerks
Branch: Legislative and Council Services
Council Date: April 6, 2022

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CL2022-009 for information; and

That Council approve the Police Service Board False Alarm By-law; and

That Council provide feedback and discussion about the fee to be charged for False Alarm calls; and

That Council direct the Treasurer to bring forward an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law at the April 20, 2022, Council meeting for implementation of the false alarm fee.

Background:

The Township of Southgate Police Service Board has approved a False Alarm By-law for the purposes of recouping the costs of police response to at fault false alarms.

Staff Comments:

The False Alarm By-law was approved at the March 15, 2022, Police Service Board meeting as amended, and is included in this Staff Report as Attachment #1. Note that the by-law is only in effect if approved by Council.

The Police Service Board did not wish to build a fee for the false alarms into the by-law directly, and rather have Council set the fee and amend the Fee's and Charges By-law accordingly. Members discussed a fee of \$385 per false alarm, in line with neighbouring Wellington County.

In January, Wellington County performed a full cost analysis of how much one at fault false alarm occurrence cost and determined that with calculating two Wellington County OPP Officers time, OPP Administration Staff time, County of Wellington Staff time and supplies, the full cost recovery for one at fault false alarm would be \$385.00.

Staff are looking for Council's feedback on the fee for false alarms and staff would then take that feedback and bring back an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law with a fee recommendation at the April 20, 2022, Council meeting.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications to the Township as a result of this report as the fee charged for an at fault false alarm would be cost recovery.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments:

That Council receive Staff Report CL2022-009 for information and that Council approve the Police Service Board False Alarm By-law and that Council provide feedback and discussion about the fee to be charged for False Alarm calls and that Council direct the Treasurer to bring forward an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law at the April 20, 2022, Council meeting for implementation of the false alarm fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: *Original Signed By*
Lindsey Green, Clerk

CAO Approval: *Original Signed By*
Dave Milliner, CAO

Attachment #1 – Police Service Board By-law No. 2022-01 – False Alarm By-law