

FIRE SERVICE PUBLIC FEES

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Fire Fees

Reasons and Process

- P Modify and enhance existing by-law (update)
- P Municipal Act - requires 21-day public consult
- P Brought back to Council post public consult with public input and final recommendations

Fire Fees

Purpose?

- P Behavioural modification
- P Cost recovery
- P Revenue generation

Fire fees

Categories of proposed fees:

- Administration and Fire Prevention
- Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC)
- False Alarms - Type I and Type II

Fire Fees -Administration and Prevention

- P 1. File searches, copies of letters etc.
- P 2. Inspection Fees - not part of regularly scheduled program of inspections.
- P 3. Freedom of Information requests and copies of fire reports.
- P 4. 2005 budget expectation is \$18,000 for the above three items.
- P 5. Preferred option is to approve these inflationary changes

Fire Fees - Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC)

- P Charges on Provincial Highways - Status Quo; bill the Province \$360 per truck
- P Charges on Municipal roadways - bill insurance policy holder - Option 1; \$360 per truck
- P Charges on Municipal roadways - bill insurance policy underwriter (Company) -Option 2; \$360 per truck
- P Preferred Option - Option #2

Fire Fees - False Alarms

- P Type I false alarms - preventable false alarms; charge \$360 per truck that arrives
- P Type II false alarms - non-notification of Fire Services when a test is conducted; charge \$500 per truck that arrives
- P Preferred Option - charging for both Type I and II false alarms. Only pay for trucks that arrive and that are not cancelled en route.

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Foam cost recovery

- P Foam usage - enhances fire fighting abilities of water -makes fire fight more efficient
- P End result - less damage
- P Preferred Option - charge insurance companies for the foam concentrate that we use