

## **COST RECOVERY FOR FIRE SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS** fire departments across Ontario have cost recovery by-laws that charge the end user of the fire department's service for the cost of said service; and

**WHEREAS** such cost recovery model typically applies to fire service attendance at motor vehicle collisions, fire investigations, among others; and

**WHEREAS** to varying degrees, the following municipalities all have fire services cost recovery by-laws: Thunder Bay, Mississauga, Oshawa, Barrie, Niagara Falls, London; and

**WHEREAS** in many cases, the responsible party's insurance company is responsible for the payment of the fire services invoice;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff bring to Council a report outlining:

1. A list of cities in Ontario that have cost-recovery fire services by-laws;
2. A compilation of what services are charged for in which cities and how much each service is charged out at;
3. An analysis of what percentage of calls from those municipalities with cost-recovery by-laws that are chargeable calls versus non-chargeable calls;
4. What the revenue has been for municipalities who charge for such services, broken down by service;
5. Any limitations imposed by law on what types of services can be cost-recovered by the municipality and the amounts that may be charged;
6. An estimate of the potential revenue the City of Sault Ste. Marie could expect if it imposes a by-law similar to those in other municipalities in Ontario that have cost-recovery fire services by-laws in effect.