



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** **Andrew Baird, Fire Chief**  
**Date:** September 5 2017  
**Report:** Fire 17.02  
**Subject:** Fire Department Fees and Charges Schedule F

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### Recommendations:

**That;** South Huron Council receives the report from Andrew Baird, Emergency Services Manager, re: Fire Department Fees and Charges; and

**That;** South Huron Council authorizes the removal of Emergency Response Service Fee's for Motor Vehicle Incidents for South Huron residents within the Municipality and the monetary amount be changed for non-residents to reflect the MTO yearly CPI; and

**That;** Schedule F – Fire and Emergency Services Fees be amended in By-law 34-2015; and

**That;** the necessary By-law be forwarded to a future Council meeting.

### Purpose:

Council Approval and Authorization.

### Background and Analysis:

A recent incident within the Municipality created a review of the Fees and Charges Schedule F with regards to the billing of residents within the Municipality for MVI's (Motor Vehicle Incidents) and the billing of non-resident's as per the Ontario MTO Rate based on CPI (Consumer Price Index).

A review of the Departments within the County discovered no consistency but most do not bill their residents for MVC's and only bill non-residents.

Viewing community growth and sustainability, the Fire Department views the billing of residents to be a burden due to the fact they already pay taxes within the Municipality and creates a negative view of the Fire Department and the Municipality.

Should Council approve the recommendations outlined in this report, the incident that resulted in a review of the Fees and Charges Policy –Schedule F would have the resulting fee negated for the South Huron resident.

### **Operational Considerations:**

1. Status Quo – Continue to bill residents and non-residents for Motor Vehicle Incidents with the Municipality; and or
2. Change to the Fees and Charges – Cease to bill residents and charge nonresidents the Provincial Rate based on the MTO.

### **South Huron's Strategic Plan:**

To keep taxes and user fees affordable to maintain existing population and encourage new growth.

### **Financial Impact:**

The financial impact is dependent on the number of accidents that may occur and therefore is unpredictable. The amount recovered has ranged from \$1,640.00 in 2014 to \$12,521.00 in 2016.

### **Legal Impact:**

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

### **Staffing Impact:**

No staffing impacts for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

### **Policies/Legislation:**

None.

### **Consultation:**

Reviewed with CAO.

**Related Documents:**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Andrew Baird, Fire Chief**