

Staff Report to Council



Report From: Jeremy Becker, Community and Emergency Services
General Manager

Meeting Date: February 3 2025

Report: FIRE02-2025
Fire Service Ladder Agreement with Lucan Biddulph

Recommendation

That South Huron Council receives Staff Report FIRE-02-2025 Fire Service Ladder Agreement with Lucan Biddulph; and
That Council approve the Ladder Service Agreement the Lucan Biddulph;
and
That the By-Law be brought back for the required three readings.

Report Overview

Purpose of Report	For Approval
Council Priority Alignment	Not Applicable
Consultations	Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk Lucan Biddulph Fire Chief Municipal Solicitor
Attachment(s) to Report	Draft Agreement

Report Highlights

- This report highlights the terms of a draft agreement for Lucan Biddulph to request South Huron's Ladder Truck.

Context and Background

Lucan Biddulph requested the consideration of an agreement for South Huron's Ladder truck to respond to emergency situations in Lucan Biddulph. Staff entered into informal discussions in 2024 regarding an agreement, and the draft agreement is now presented to Council for consideration.

The proposed agreement provides that South Huron may respond to calls in Lucan Biddulph and also outlines the fees and conditions for those responses. The proposed agreement recommends an annual fee of \$2500.00, as well as a response fee of the current MTO Rate (currently \$570.50 per hour) at a four (4) hour minimum charge. The agreement also provides language for when the truck is unavailable to calls or service and contains the appropriate liability clauses to indemnify the municipality for any response. South Huron retains the ability to disengage and/or order the return of the ladder truck.

The Ladder truck would respond to calls for service only in Lucan Biddulph with four (4) firefighters. South Huron retains full authority and control over the ladder truck services and firefighters and the ladder truck remain under the supervision of a South Huron Fire Officer.

Discussion and Staff Recommendation(s)

Staff have discussed this agreement with the Municipal Solicitor and recommend approval. This agreement conforms to Council decision criteria and framework of leveraging partnerships.

Impact Analysis

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor. There are no further financial impacts other than those outlined above.

There are no operational or community impacts as a result of the recommendation of this report.

Linkages

- None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Becker, Community and Emergency Services General Manager

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	FIRE02-2025 - Fire Service Ladder Agreement with Lucan Biddulph.docx
Attachments:	- Draft Ladder Truck Agmt Jan 2025.docx
Final Approval Date:	Jan 30, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Alex Wolfe - Jan 29, 2025 - 4:35 PM

Erin Moore - Jan 30, 2025 - 8:24 AM

Rebekah Msuya-Collison - Jan 30, 2025 - 9:41 AM