



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

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SPECIAL REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017
AT 10:00 am

AGENDA

1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

THAT the Agenda for the July 12, 2017 Special Regular Open Meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

2. **GENERAL MATTERS**

3. **COUNCIL INQUIRIES**

4. **ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**DEPLOYMENT OF VERNON
FIRE RESCUE SERVICES –
PROVINCIAL WILDFIRE
SUPPRESSION (P. 2)**

A. THAT Council endorses the provision of City of Vernon Fire Rescue Services resources to assist the Provincial response to wildfires, as outlined in the report from the Interim Fire Chief dated July 11, 2017.

7. **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

8. **COUNCIL INFORMATION UPDATES**

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10. **CLOSE OF MEETING**



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INTERNAL M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Will Pearce, CAO

FILE: 7340-01

PC:

DATE: July 11, 2017

FROM: David Lind, Director, Vernon Fire Rescue Services

SUBJECT: *Deployment of Vernon Fire Rescue Services Resources to Assist Provincial Wildfire Suppression*

The Director, Vernon Fire Rescue Services is respectfully requesting Council endorsement to provide fire fighting resources to assist in the Provincial response to wildfire suppression.

Should a request for assistance arise, the response would consist of an engine or tanker and up to 6 members at a time, depending on the need and resources available. The resources can be deployed for 6 to 14 days at a time. Vernon Fire Rescue Services would only send resources when there is enough strength to maintain services to the City of Vernon. Members sent would include both Vernon Volunteer Fire Association (VVFA) and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and as needed a Chief.

The potential risk is:

There is increased pressure on remaining resources to absorb the workload of those sent to help in other jurisdictions. This may slow some of the administrative work being done by fire services.

The benefit is:

This is a Provincial need and there is an opportunity to serve in a meaningful role. Deployment of joint VVFA and IAFF will provide opportunity for shared experience and improve team work between the groups. The City of Vernon may be in need of this type of assistance from others at some point in the future.

The Province has a mechanism in place to recover expenses incurred in Vernon Fire Rescue, including overtime of the career staff to backfill positions as required under the existing IAFF Collective Agreement.

Should the Province request support, the CAO, Mayor and Council will be updated at the earliest opportunity. If Vernon Fire Rescue Services receives the request during non-business hours the Director would mobilize without delay. Vernon Fire Rescue Services will have members arranged with away bags and ready to go when called.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorses the provision of City of Vernon Fire Rescue Services resources to assist the Provincial response to wildfires, as outlined in the report from the Interim Fire Chief dated July 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

David Lind, Director
Vernon Fire Rescue Services