



Township of North Stormont

Agenda

Fire Services Committee
Thursday, June 11, 2026 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. BE it resolved that this Fire Services Committee meeting now open at _____ p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (AMENDMENTS ADDITION OR DELETIONS)

2.1. BE it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNARY INTEREST

4. DELEGATIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1. BE it resolved that the February 19, 2026 Fires Services Committee Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. **Finch Pumper Update**

7.2. **Collaborative Training Update**

7.3. **Sale of Finch Pumper 2027**

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THAT the 2000 Pumper located at Finch be declared surplus upon delivery of the new apparatus currently scheduled for December 2026:

AND THAT the surplus pumper be sold with proceeds allocated to the Fire Services Reserve;

AND THAT the Fire Services Committee recommend that this report proceed through the 2027 budget process;

AND THAT Council approve the purchase of a used 4x4 pickup truck for conversion into a forestry response unit, with the existing Chrysler slide-on forestry unit to be mounted onto the pickup;

AND THAT the above items be included in the 2027 Capital Budget deliberations.

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7.4. Repeal By-Law 45-2016 Respiratory Protection Program Policy

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That Fire Services Committee recommends to Council the they repeal By-law No. 45-2016 - Respiratory Protection Program Policy, and that respiratory protection requirements continue to be governed through departmental Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in accordance with applicable legislation and standards.

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[45-2016 - Respiratory Protection Program Policy](#)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION

10. CLOSED SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1. BE it resolved that this Fire Services Committee meeting be adjourned at ____ p.m.



MINUTES
Fire Services Committee
Thursday, February 19, 2026 Council Chambers 6:30 PM

**COMMITTEE
PRESENT:**

Mayor Landry
Deputy Mayor Densham
Todd Bayly
Steve Tait
Nicholas Forgues
Daniel Richer
Nancy-Ann Gauthier

COMMITTEE ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Legislative Services Manager
Community Services Manager
Director of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

FSC1-2026 Moved by Nicholas Forgues, Seconded by Todd Bayly BE it resolved that this Fire Services Committee meeting now open at 6:32 p.m.

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (amendments addition or deletions)

FSC2-2026 Moved by Deputy Mayor Densham, Seconded by Steve Tait BE it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNARY INTEREST

4. DELEGATIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

FSC3-2026 Moved by Mayor Landry, Seconded by Todd Bayly BE it resolved that the minutes of Fire Services Committee meeting on October 9, 2025. be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7. NEW BUSINESS

Gear Reduction

A discussion was held regarding the cost of gear. The committee reviewed current expenses and ongoing equipment needs. It was reported that nine new sets of gear have been purchased, five of which were funded through a grant. Moving forward the annual rotation of 8 gear purchases will return for 2027 budget.

Fleet - RFQ

The CAO and Finance Department will review the Request for Quotation (RFQ). Once approved, the RFQ will be posted.

A question was raised regarding whether the RFQ needs to be presented to Council prior to posting. It was clarified that it does not need to go to Council at that stage it will be brought forward only after all quotes have been received.

The Committee discussed the importance of reviewing the full scope of the proposal, including warranty coverage and ongoing service considerations. It was agreed that all factors will be evaluated to ensure a complete understanding of long-term costs and support.

Grant

The Committee was advised that a Mental Health Grant of \$25,000 was received in 2025 and all services purchased by December 30, 2025. All training delivered and completed by March 31, 2026.

The grant was originally intended to be allocated entirely toward training courses. The Fire Chief requested consideration to adjust the scope of the grant to allow the funds to be divided between training courses and associated training hours and was approved.

Deputy Mayor Densham inquired whether Council had contributed any funds toward this project. The Fire Chief confirmed that no municipal funds have been allocated and that all funding for this initiative is provided through the grant.

Collaborative Training

The Committee was advised that ten rookies and two fully certified firefighters will be joining the Fire Department.

The Department is collaborating with North Dundas, South Dundas, and South Glengarry to provide training for the new recruits. Through this partnership, a total of 38 rookies will be participating in the training program. By collaborating across the four Townships, costs and training expertise will be shared.

The Chief requested volunteers for the March 7 and 8 training sessions, which will take place at the Chrysler Station and Community Centre. Volunteers are needed to assist with cooking and training support.

The Chief also advised that potential funding has been identified to assist with graduation costs. Sponsors are being considered.

Mayor Landry asked how many firefighters are participating in the program in total. The Chief confirmed there are 38 participants.

Deputy Mayor Densham asked why South Stormont and North Glengarry were not participating in the joint training initiative. The Chief advised that those municipalities already have established training programs, equipment, and training facilities in place.

Once a date has been finalized for the graduation ceremony, the information will be shared with present and elected Council Officials.

The Fire Chief reported that she has negotiated an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) to permit training exercises at their site along Highway 43 from May 1 to October 31 each year. The only cost to the Department will be grass cutting and general site maintenance.

It was discussed the potential purchase of two C-Containers to be used for training purposes.

8. MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION

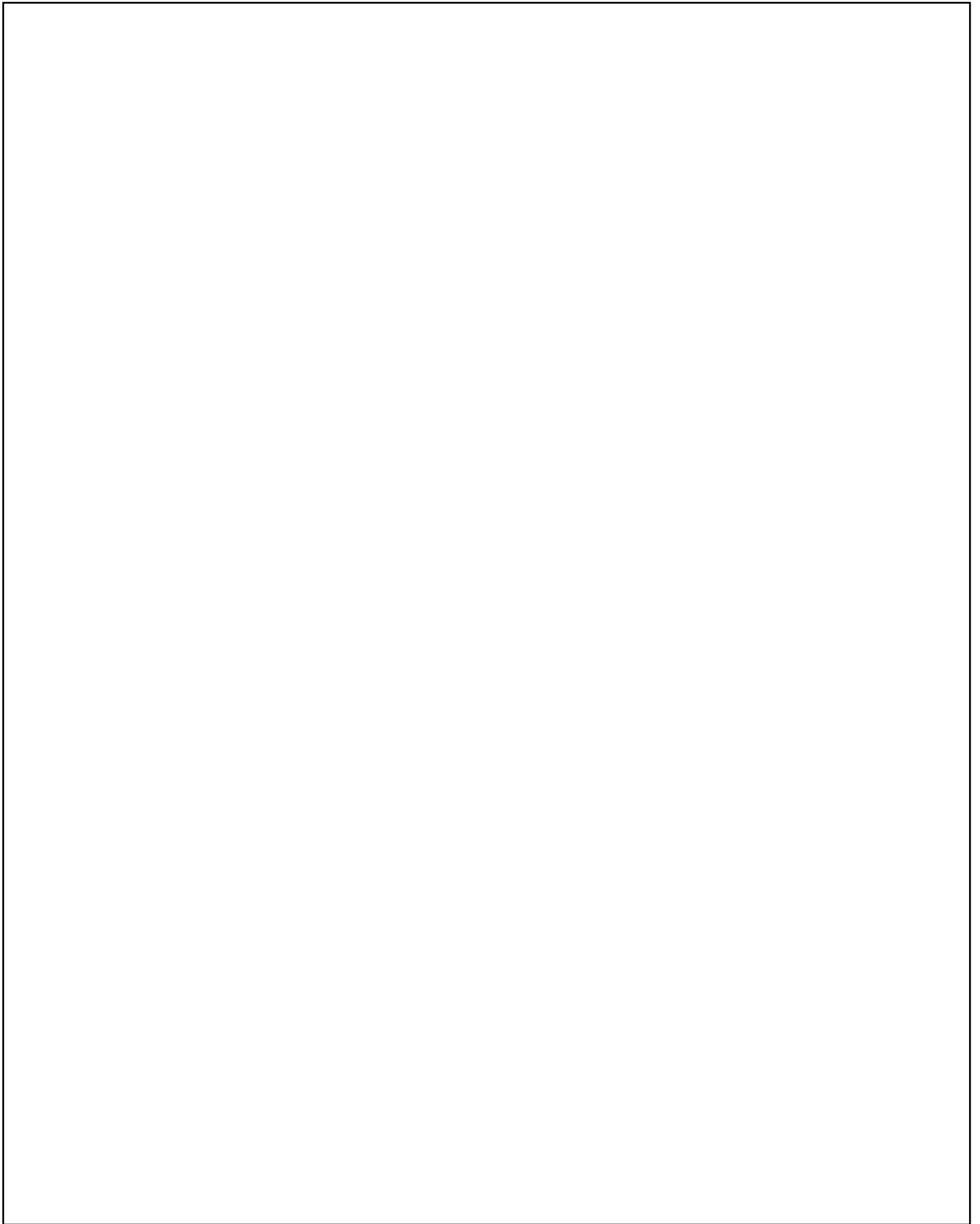
9. ADJOURNMENT


FSC4-2026 Moved by Nicholas Forgues, Seconded by Steve Tait BE it resolved that this Fire Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

CARRIED.

Chair

CAO/Clerk



		The Corporation of the Township of NORTH STORMONT	Report No. FIRE-03- 2026
Agenda Date:	June 11, 2026		
Subject:	Sale of Finch Pumper 2027		
Attachments:			

1.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2000 Pumper located at Finch be declared surplus upon delivery of the new apparatus currently scheduled for December 2026:

AND THAT the surplus pumper be sold with proceeds allocated to the Fire Services Reserve;

AND THAT the Fire Services Committee recommend that this report proceed through the 2027 budget process;

AND THAT Council approve the purchase of a used 4x4 pickup truck for conversion into a forestry response unit, with the existing Crysler slide-on forestry unit to be mounted onto the pickup;

AND THAT the above items be included in the 2027 Capital Budget deliberations.

2.0 LEGAL DESCRIPTION

N/A

3.0 BACKGROUND

The department currently utilizes a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) owned by the Crysler Trails, which is made available for fire service use. North Stormont Fire Services provides insurance coverage and storage for the unit, while access is also granted to authorized trail volunteers. The existing forestry slide-on unit is **not currently mounted on the UTV**, as its weight exceeds the capacity of the platform, resulting in operational limitations and safety concerns. While the shared-use arrangement remains beneficial, the UTV is not suitable for carrying the forestry unit, and this constraint supports the need to transition to a

more appropriate apparatus capable of safely accommodating the equipment and supporting emergency response requirements.

4.0 POLICY CONSIDERATION

N/A

5.0 ANALYSIS

With the ongoing growth and development within the Village of Chrysler, available space within station yards is becoming increasingly limited. A smaller, more versatile vehicle footprint would be beneficial for maneuverability, storage, and overall operational efficiency. The use of a pickup-based forestry unit provides a practical alternative to larger apparatus, allowing the department to maintain response capability while adapting to site constraints and supporting more efficient use of available space.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed pickup-based forestry unit offers improved operational efficiency when compared to larger apparatus, resulting in reduced fuel consumption for smaller-scale incidents such as grass, brush, motor vehicle collisions, and medical assist responses. The availability of a smaller, appropriately sized unit allows for more efficient deployment and may reduce overall engine run time and fuel usage. Additionally, improved response times with a lighter, more maneuverable vehicle can assist in quicker fire containment, potentially reducing environmental impact associated with uncontrolled fire spread.

7.0 RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

The recommendation is conditional upon the delivery of the new apparatus scheduled for December 2026, after which the 2000 Finch pumper will be declared surplus, sold in accordance with Township policies, and proceeds allocated to the Fire Services Reserve. The purchase of a used 4x4 pickup truck is subject to approval through the 2027 Capital Budget process, with the vehicle meeting required capacity for the Chrysler slide-on forestry unit and placed into service as a multi-purpose response unit, while maintaining the existing shared-use arrangement with the Chrysler Trails UTV.

8.0 ALTERNATIVES

N/A

FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

This item has been approved in the current budget: Yes No N/A
This item is within the approved budgeted amount: Yes No N/A
This item is mandated by the Provincial/Federal Government: Yes No N/A

Prepared By:




Nancy Ann Gauthier
Fire Chief

**Reviewed and
submitted by:**



Nancy Ann Gauthier
Fire Chief

**Submitted for Council
consideration by:**

		The Corporation of the Township of NORTH STORMONT	Report No. FIRE-Fire- 03-2026
Agenda Date:	June 11, 2026		
Subject:	Repeal By-Law 45-2016 Respiratory Protection Program Policy		
Attachments:			

1.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Fire Services Committee recommends to Council the they repeal By-law No. 45-2016 - Respiratory Protection Program Policy, and that respiratory protection requirements continue to be governed through departmental Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in accordance with applicable legislation and standards.

2.0 LEGAL DESCRIPTION

N/A

3.0 BACKGROUND

By-law No. 45-2016 - Respiratory Protection Program Policy was adopted to formally implement a respiratory protection program to ensure firefighter safety, including the use, maintenance, and training of respiratory protective equipment.

Since its adoption, the North Stormont Fire Department has undergone modernization, including the implementation of a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) framework governing operational practices, training, and safety.

Additionally, the current governing by-law for Emergency Services places reliance on:

- Departmental SOPs
- Section 21 Firefighter Guidance Notes
- Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) requirements

4.0 POLICY CONSIDERATION

The Respiratory Protection Program By-law is no longer required, as all applicable requirements are fully addressed and actively managed through departmental SOPs in alignment with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Section 21 Guidance Notes. Repealing the by-law eliminates duplication, removes outdated policy, and ensures respiratory protection continues to be governed through current, enforceable, and operationally responsive procedures without impacting firefighter safety.

5.0 ANALYSIS

The Respiratory Protection Program By-law has become redundant as its requirements are now fully incorporated into the Fire Department's Standard Operating Procedures, which are actively maintained and aligned with current Occupational Health and Safety Act requirements and Section 21 Firefighter Guidance Notes. The use of SOPs allows for timely updates, ensures compliance with evolving standards, and provides clear operational direction without requiring formal by-law amendments. Retaining both the by-law and SOP framework creates unnecessary duplication and potential for inconsistency, whereas repeal supports a more efficient, modern, and operationally responsive governance model.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

7.0 RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

The Fire Services Committee recommends that Council repeal By-law No. 45-2016, being the Respiratory Protection Program, as its requirements are now fully addressed through departmental Standard Operating Procedures in accordance with current legislation and operational standards.

8.0 ALTERNATIVES

As the Fire Services Committee deems appropriate.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

This item has been approved in the current budget: Yes No N/A
This item is within the approved budgeted amount: Yes No N/A

This item is mandated by the Provincial/Federal Government: Yes No N/A

Prepared By:

**Reviewed and
submitted by:**

**Submitted for Council
consideration by:**



**Chad Brownlee
CAO/Clerk**

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT

BY-LAW NO. 45-2016

Being a By-Law to adopt a Respiratory Protection Program Policy

WHEREAS Section 11(2) of the *Municipal Act* states that a lower tier municipality may provide and service or thing that the municipality considers necessary and desirable for the public;


AND WHEREAS Section 11(2) of the *Municipal Act* states that a lower tier municipality may pass By-Laws respecting the health, safety, and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont wishes to adopt a Respiratory Protection Program Fire Department Policy No. 001-2016;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of North Stormont enacts as follows:

1. The Township of North Stormont hereby endorses and adopts the attached Fire Department Policy No. 001-2016 with respect to the Township's commitment to the protection of the health and safety of its employees.

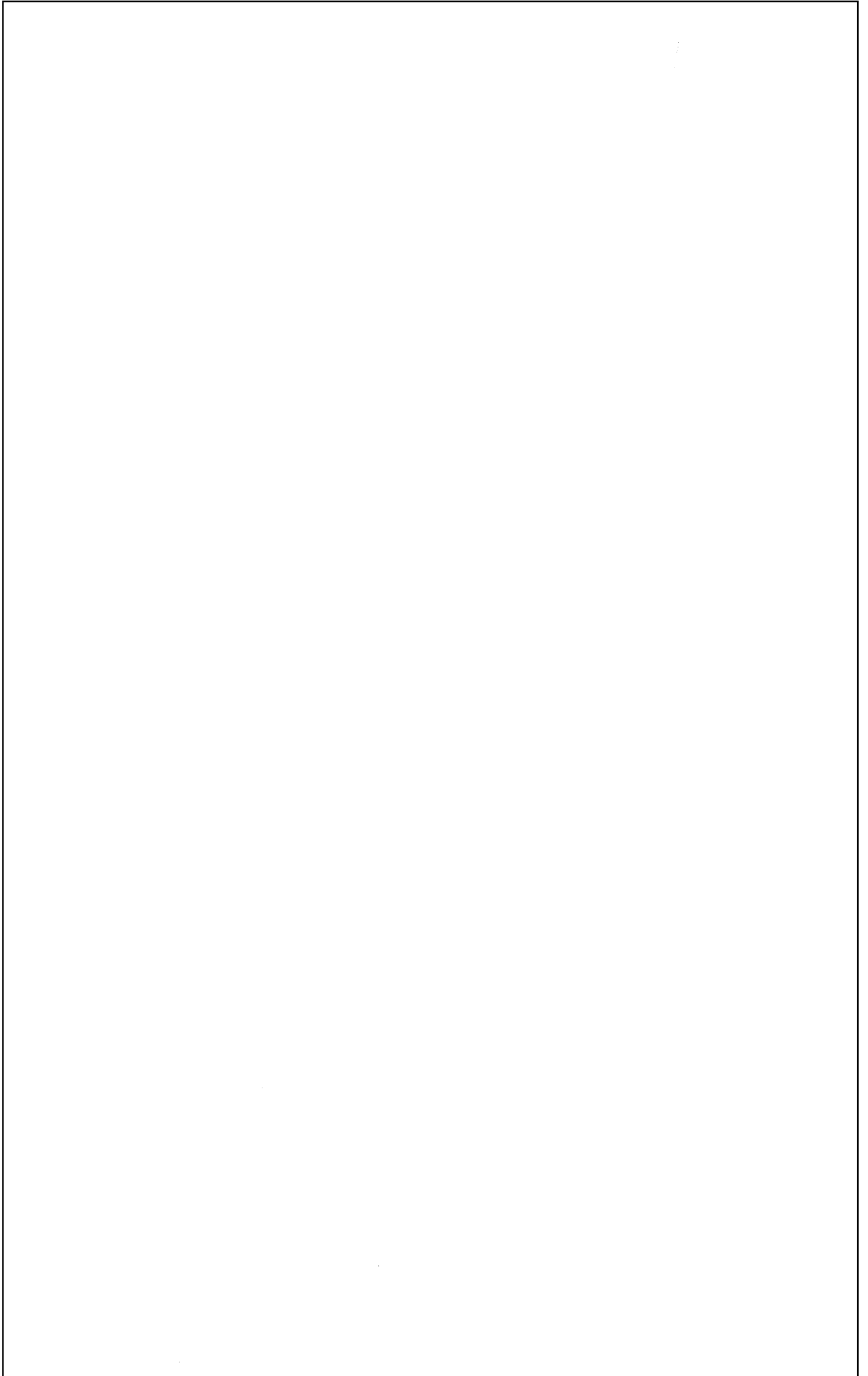
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED in open Council, this 23rd, day of August 2016.



Dennis Fife
Mayor



Marc Chénier
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk





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Policy No.
2016-001

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Approved by:	Marc Chénier, Chief Administrative Officer

1.0 Purpose:

It is the policy of the Township of North Stormont Fire Department to protect its employees from any hazardous atmospheres through a comprehensive respiratory program of recognition; evaluation; engineering, administrative and work practice controls, as well as personal protective equipment, including respirators. Hazard elimination, engineering and work practice controls shall be employed in order to control employee exposure to within allowable exposure limits as much as possible. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Respirators and other personal protective equipment shall be provided to all employees of the Township of North Stormont Fire Department whenever required under this program.

This document is the Township of North Stormont Fire Department's Respiratory Protection Program; it is designed to protect employees by establishing accepted practices for respirator use, it also provides a guideline for training and respiratory selection, the program also explains proper storage, use and care of respirators. This program also serves to help the fire department and its employees comply with Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Advisory Committee Guidance Note # 4-9.

2.0 Scope:

This Operating guideline applies to all Township of North Stormont Fire Department personnel who must wear a respirator to perform his/her assigned duties. Examples of situations that pose potential respiratory hazards and involve respirator use are:

- 1-Firefighting duties
- 2-Hazardous materials incidents
- 3-Epidemic / Pandemic

In addition, any employee who voluntarily wears a respirator when one is not required (i.e., in certain maintenance operations) is subject to the medical evaluation, cleaning, maintenance, and storage elements of this program, and will be



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provided with necessary training. Employees who voluntarily wear filtering face pieces (dust masks) are not subject to the medical evaluation, cleaning, storage, and maintenance provisions of this program.

3.0 Responsibility:

3.1 Employer:

The Employer (Township of North Stormont Fire Department) shall be responsible for preparing and implementing a written Respiratory Protection Program and designating a qualified person as the Program Administrator.

3.2 Program Administrator:

The Program Administrator for the Township of North Stormont Fire Department is the Fire Chief. The roles and responsibilities of Fire Chief include:

- 3.2.1 be responsible for all aspects of the respiratory protection program, including the requirements of CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z180.1, as applicable
- 3.2.2 ensure that appropriate personnel have been assigned the defined roles of this program
- 3.2.3 ensure that assessments for respiratory hazards are conducted by qualified persons
- 3.2.4 ensure that accepted respirators are selected for use in the workplace and are maintained for each respiratory hazard
- 3.2.5 ensure that all persons required to use respirators receive proper training prior to initial use of a respirator, and receive refresher training as required
- 3.2.6 monitor the use of respirators on a regular basis
- 3.2.7 ensure that the respiratory protection program is reviewed annually to



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- 3.2.8 assess the effectiveness of the program
- 3.2.8 ensure that a monitoring system and associated performance measures are in place to track the efficiency of the procedures and training adopted under the respiratory protection program
- 3.2.9 ensure that written instructions and records required by this program are maintained
- 3.2.10 develop and maintain a system to manage and review the respiratory protection program
- 3.2.11 ensure that appropriate regulatory authority and/or standards organizations are consulted as required on interpretations relevant to criteria affecting the use of respirators in the workplace
- 3.2.12 ensure the development of procedures in anticipation of emergency and rescue operations
- 3.2.13 Periodically update the respiratory protection program
- 3.2.14 report to the CAO

3.3 District Fire Chief:

The roles and responsibilities of the District Fire Chief include:

- 3.3.1 ensure that fit testing and training are completed prior to assigning a user any task that requires the use of a respirator
- 3.3.2 ensure respirators are cleaned, sanitized, inspected, maintained, repaired and stored in accordance with written instructions and manufacturer's recommendations
- 3.3.3 ensure the respirator is used in accordance with the instructions, the training received and the safe operating procedures established for the workplace
- 3.3.4 in the case of a tight-fitting face piece, ensure respirator users maintain their required clean-shaven condition and do not have any object or material that would interfere with the seal or operation of the respirator



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- 3.3.5 notify the Fire Chief of respirator users concerns, changes in processes, equipment or operating procedures that have an impact on environmental conditions and respiratory protection requirements; and
- 3.3.6 notify the Fire Chief of investigation reports that revealed that the use of a respirator may have prevented or contributed to an incident or injury

3.4 Respirator User:

Each employee is responsible for wearing his or her respirator when and where required and in the manner in which they are trained. Employees must also:

- 3.4.1 in the case of a tight-fitting face piece maintain their required clean-shaven condition and refrain from having any object or material that would interfere with the seal or operation of the respirator
- 3.4.2 check that the respirator is clean and in good operating condition prior to each use
- 3.4.3 perform a negative and/or positive pressure user seal-check after each donning of a tight-fitting respirator
- 3.4.4 remove from service a respirator that they determine to be defective and report it to the District Fire Chief or other responsible person
- 3.4.5 report to their District Fire Chief or other responsible person any condition or change that may impact on their ability to use a respirator safely, and
- 3.4.6 use the respirator in accordance with the instructions and training received.

4.0 Program:

4.1 Hazard Assessment:

The Fire Chief will select respirators to be used, based on the hazards to which



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workers are exposed and in accordance with the CAN/CSA- Z94.4 (current Edition) Standard. Due to the unknown situations that occur during fire fighting operations, meeting the requirements of clause 6 of the standard is virtually impossible. Therefore, an IDLH atmosphere will be assumed as per clause 6.2.7 of the standard.

4.2 Updating the Hazard Assessment:

The Fire Chief must revise and update the hazard assessment as needed.

5.0 Training:

5.1 The Fire Chief will schedule training for respirator users and their supervisors on the contents of the Township of North Stormont Fire Department's Respiratory Protection Program and their assigned responsibilities.

5.2 The training will cover the following topics;

5.2.1 The Township of North Stormont Fire Department Respiratory Protection Program

5.2.2 Proper selection and use of respirators

5.2.3 Limitations of respirators

5.2.4 Respirator donning and user seal (fit) checks

5.2.5 Fit testing

5.2.6 Emergency use procedures

5.2.7 Maintenance and storage; and

5.2.8 Medical signs and symptoms limiting the effective use of respirators

Employees will be retrained bi-annually or as required. Employees must demonstrate their understanding of the topics covered in the training through hands-on exercises. The Supervisor will document respirator training and the documentation will include



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the type, model, and size of respirator for which each employee has been trained and fit tested.

6.0 Voluntary Respirator Use:

Voluntary use of respiratory protective equipment does not exempt workers from the requirements of the Selection, Use and Care of Respirators standard.

7.0 Fit Test:

7.1 Employees who are required to wear respirators will be fit tested:

7.1.1 prior to being allowed to wear any respirator with a tight-fitting face piece

7.1.2 every 2 years; or

7.1.3 when there are changes in the employee's physical condition that could affect respiratory fit (e.g. obvious change in body weight, facial scarring etc.)

7.2 Employees will be fit tested with the make, model, and size of respirator that they will actually wear.

7.3 The Fire Chief will ensure fit tests are conducted in accordance with the requirements of Can/CSA – Z94.4 (clause 9)

8.0 General Respirator use Procedures:

8.1 Employees will use their respirators under conditions specified in this program, and in accordance with the training they receive on the use of each particular model. In addition, the respirator shall not be used in a manner for which it is not intended or certified.



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8.2 All employees shall conduct user seal checks each time they wear their respirators.

8.3 Employees are not permitted to wear tight-fitting respirators if they have any condition, such as facial scars, facial hair, or missing dentures that would prevent a proper seal. Employees are not permitted to wear headphones, jewelry, or other items that may interfere with the seal between the face and the face piece.

9.0 Air Quality:

For supplied-air respirators, only breathing air meeting the requirements of CAN/CSA- Z180.1 (current edition) shall be used in the cylinders.

10.0 Cleaning:

Respirators are to be cleaned and disinfected regularly and after every use. Respirators issued for the exclusive use of an employee shall be cleaned as often as necessary.

Atmosphere-supplying and emergency use respirators are to be cleaned and disinfected after each use. Respirators shall be cleaned as per the manufacturer's instructions.

11.0 Maintenance:

11.1 Respirators are to be properly maintained at all times in order to ensure that they function properly and protect employees adequately. Maintenance involves a thorough visual inspection for cleanliness and defects. Worn or deteriorated parts will be replaced prior to use. No components will be replaced or repairs made beyond those recommended by the manufacturer.



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- 11.2 All respirators shall be inspected routinely before and after each use.
- 11.3 The Respirator Inspection Checklist (See Attachment) will be used when inspecting respirators.
- 11.4 A record shall be kept of inspection dates and findings
- 12.0 Storage:
 - 12.1 After inspection, cleaning, and necessary repairs, respirators shall be stored appropriately to protect against dust, sunlight, heat, extreme cold, excessive moisture, or damaging chemicals.
 - 12.1.1 Respirators must be stored in a clean, dry area, and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations
 - 12.1.2 Respirators maintained at stations and work areas for emergency use shall be stored in compartments built specifically for that purpose and be quickly accessible at all times.
- 13.0 Respirator Malfunctions and Defects:
 - 13.1 Respirators that are defective or have defective parts shall be taken out of service immediately. If, during an inspection, an employee discovers a defect in a respirator, he/she is to bring the defect to the attention of his/her supervisor.

The Supervisor will decide whether to:

 - 13.1.1 temporarily take the respirator out of service until it can be repaired
 - 13.1.2 perform a simple fix on the spot, such as replacing head strap or



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13.1.3 seek direction from the Fire Chief

13.2 When a respirator is taken out of service for an extended period of time, the respirator will be tagged out of service.

14.0 Program Evaluation:

14.1 The Fire Chief will conduct periodic evaluations of the workplace to ensure that the provisions of this program are being implemented. The evaluations will include regular consultations with employees who use respirators and their supervisors, site inspections and a review of records. Items to be considered will include:

14.1.1 Comfort

14.1.2 Ability to breathe without objectionable effort

14.1.3 Ability to perform all tasks without undue interference

14.1.4 Confidence in the face piece fit

14.2 The evaluation may also include:

14.2.1 regulatory review

14.2.2 management process, roles and responsibilities

14.2.3 program procedures

14.2.4 records review

14.2.5 selection, use and maintenance of respirators

14.2.6 training requirements

14.2.7 inspection of respirators

14.2.8 storage of respirator



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14.3 Identified problems will be noted in an inspection log and addressed by the Fire Chief. These findings will be reported to the CAO and the report will list plans to correct deficiencies in the respirator program and target dates for the implementation of those corrections.

15.0 Documentation and Record Keeping:

15.1 A written copy of this program and the applicable Standards shall be kept in the Program Administrator's office and made available to all employees who wish to review it.

15.2 Copies of training and fit test records shall be maintained by the Fire Chief. These records will be updated as new employees are trained, as existing employees receive refresher training, and as new fit tests are conducted

15.3 Maintenance records for self-contained breathing apparatus are entered into our records management system. Maintenance records for the breathing air compressor are located in the equipment files in the SCBA/compressor room.

16.0 Types of Respirators:

Respirators are classified into two main classes according to the type of hazardous environment in which the respirator is to be used and the degree of danger to life and health, which that environment presents.

16.1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA):

The Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is a special type of supplied-air respirator that gives the user an independent air supply from a pressurized tank on the wearer's back. Generally, the air supply lasts for 30 to 60 minutes, but is dependent upon the wearer's size and type of work performed. SCBA's are used under the following conditions;



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- In oxygen-deficient atmospheres where the oxygen level is below 19.5%
- In poorly ventilated areas and/or in confined spaces such as tanks, tunnels, or vessels. Note: SCBAs are not required if the confined space is well ventilated and the concentration of toxic contaminants is known to be below the upper protection limit commended for the respirator.

- In atmospheres where the concentration of contaminants is Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH).
- In atmospheres where the concentration of toxic contaminants is unknown. Any unknown concentration must be treated as IDLH.
- For firefighting.

16.2 Air-Purifying Respirators:

This type of respirator usually consists of a face piece to remove dusts, mists and specific fumes, gases and vapours from the breathing air. They are the lightest and the easiest to use type of respiratory protection respirators include;

- Air-purifying
- Disposable Respirators protect the wearer from low (nuisance) concentrations of fumes, mists and/or dust. Some models include an exhalation channel that exhausts air directly for less hot air and moisture build-up in the mask.

It is understood that this Guideline may not address all circumstances. Conditions may exist that require some type of deviation by the Incident Commander. Decisions should always be based on experience, the safety of the public and the safety of the Russell Fire Department personnel.



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