

Meeting Date: January 20, 2025
Department: Legal & Legislative Services
Report No.: LLS-2025-01
Submitted by: Brianna Hammer-Keidel, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Clerk
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Fire Protection Grant Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: Report LLS-2025-01 “Fire Protection Grant Agreement” be received for information, and further;

THAT: Council authorize the execution of the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement related to the Fire Protection Grant awarded to the Municipality, and further;

THAT: authorizing By-law No. 06-25 be forwarded to the Consideration of By-laws section of the agenda for approval.

BACKGROUND:

Throughout 2023 and 2024, Council received staff reports regarding opportunities to improve health and safety at the three Fire Stations within the Municipality. The purchase of a second set of PPE for members of the Strathroy-Caradoc Fire Department was ultimately approved as part of the 2024 budget; staff were further directed to conduct Formal Quotations for the installation of exhaust fans at Station 2 and showers at Stations 2 and 3 later in 2024.

Meanwhile, the Office of the Fire Marshal received Treasury Board (TB) approval for a \$30.0M grant over 3 years in funding to support municipal fire services in acquiring critical equipment and other needs (health and safety, minor infrastructure, and specialized tools) to improve and enhance the level of fire protection service being provided. These approved funds are to be provided to municipal fire services through what is known as the Fire Protection Grant. The grant application window opened on July 23, 2024 and closed September 5, 2024.

COMMENTS:

On December 19, 2024, the Office of the Fire Marshal announced that the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc was approved for **\$24,691.35** via the Fire Protection Grant to support the purchase of a second set of bunker gear for all fire personnel, the installation of personal showers and ventilation,

and the purchase of four Station Protect Air Purifiers. The funding will be provided to the Municipality upon the execution of the provided agreement.

An authorizing by-law has been prepared and appears on Council's agenda for consideration.

CONSULTATION:

Deputy Chief of Fire, Prevention & Training
Director of IT & Finance / Treasurer
Director of Community Services

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This grant funding will be used to complete the above-noted capital projects.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

- Community Safety: Community safety is fundamental to community well-being, and all relevant services and organizations, including the Hospital and Fire service, have key roles to play.
- Managing the Challenges of Growth for the Municipal Organization: Strathroy-Caradoc will be an inclusive community where growth is managed to accommodate a range of needs and optimize municipal resources.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement – Fire Protection Grant