

## COUNCIL REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2025  
**Department:** Fire Services  
**Report No.:** FIRE-2025-01  
**Submitted by:** Stephen Beasley, Deputy Chief of Fire, Prevention & Training  
**Approved by:** Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Automatic Aid Agreement with the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Report FIRE-2025-01 “Automatic Aid Agreement with the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe” be received for information, and further;**

**THAT: Strathroy-Caradoc Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement for the Activation of Automatic Aid with the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe for emergency response to Highway 402 between Exit 65 (Centre Road) and Exit 69 (Hickory Drive), and further;**

**THAT: By-law No. 03-25 be forwarded to the Consideration of By-laws section of the agenda for adoption.**

**BACKGROUND:**

The section of Highway 402 between Exits 65 and 69 is within the response area of the Adelaide Metcalfe Fire Department (AMFD). Due to the travel time/distance from the AMFD station, it takes a long time to reach this location. The AMFD Fire Chief has reached out to the Strathroy-Caradoc Fire Department (SCFD) to request that an Automatic Aid Agreement be drafted and adopted.

The SCFD responds to all incidents on Highway 402 east of Exit 69 at Hickory Drive. If this Automatic Aid Agreement is implemented, SCFD personnel could reach the section of Highway 402 west of Exit 69, as outlined here, more expeditiously than the AMFD.

**COMMENTS:**

Incidents have occurred on this section of the 402 in the past where longer response times have raised concerns with members of the community. Having this Automatic Aid Agreement in place would assist with fire department response times to this section of the 402.

**CONSULTATION:**

Fire Chief, Township of Adelaide Metcalfe  
Middlesex County Barrister & Solicitor’s Office

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

All costs associated to responses to the 400 series highways are done on a cost recovery basis through the MTO. As a result, the MTO reimbursement would cover any expenses incurred by the SCFD, and would be recovered for that response. In the event that SCFD respond to a false alarm, are not required and released by OPP and or perform no service they shall seek reimbursement of 1 hour at the MTO rate for two apparatus from AMFD.

**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.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**DRAFT AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT**