

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: July 7, 2025
Department: Fire Services
Report No.: FIRE-2025-07
Submitted by: Brad Bigrigg, Fire Chief
Approved by: Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Revised Automatic Aid Agreement – Southwest Middlesex

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive report FIRE-2025-07 for information, and further;

THAT: Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the revised Automatic Aid Agreement with the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex.

BACKGROUND:

Strathroy-Caradoc has had a formal Automatic Aid agreement with Southwest Middlesex since 2021. In the past, this agreement and By-law have had to be renewed every three years. The revisions to this agreement will allow the agreement to remain in place continually without an expiry date. The agreement provides the conditions for amendment and termination. The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex reserves the right to comment on operating and capital budgets prior to approval by Strathroy-Caradoc council. The fire protection area remains unchanged. This revision has been requested by the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

COMMENTS:

The Automatic Aid is working well, with few concerns expressed about service delivery. This is a housekeeping matter that relieves council of ongoing consideration of this agreement and provides continuity of operations for the fire department. The fire department supports the revision.

CONSULTATION:

Fire Department Administration, Fire Advisory Committee and Southwest Middlesex C.A.O.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

- Community well being
- Community safety

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft automatic Aid Agreement between the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc and the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex