



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Community Safety

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Wade Bondy, Director Community Safety & Fire Chief

**Date to Council:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Report Number:** CS-2025-03

**Subject:** Tiered Medical Response Agreement

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** Report CS-2025-03 entitled “Medical Tiered Response Agreement” **be received**;

**And that** Community Safety’s continued participation in the Medical Tiered Response Program with Essex-Windsor EMS **be approved**;

**And further that** By-law 2025-053 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement for Medical Tiered Response with Essex-Windsor EMS **be considered** for first, second, third and final reading.

### Background

Community Safety currently participates in the Medical Tiered Response Program under an agreement with Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Service (Essex-Windsor EMS), executed in 2023. The agreement includes definitions of the types of calls received by Essex-Windsor EMS that would also require a response by the Fire Department.

Currently all Fire Departments within Essex County participate in the Tiered Medical Response Program.

## **Comments**

The existing agreement has been reviewed by Essex-Windsor EMS in consultation with the County Fire Chiefs and minor updates have been proposed in the recommended agreement that is the subject of this report.

The changes to the agreement include the definition of home pronouncement, additional criteria for motor vehicle collision incidents that would require Fire Department assistance, as well as clarification of the circumstances under which a tiered response would be required when Essex-Windsor EMS is in Code Black status, meaning limited EMS resources are available for response. Under Code Black conditions, a tiered response would continue to be limited to life and limb threatening incidents under the new agreement.

The recommended agreement includes an expanded list of expendable medical supplies that would be supplied by Essex-Windsor EMS when used under the terms of the agreement.

Overall, the recommended agreement maintains the level of service currently provided by Community Safety and more clearly defines circumstances under which a tiered response would occur making dispatch of services more efficient.

The Town Solicitor has reviewed the agreement and has no concerns.

## **Consultations**

Essex-Windsor EMS

## **Financial Implications**

As there is no change in the level of service provided by Community Safety recommended, there are no direct financial changes related to this agreement.

The new agreement reflects the updated grant allotment of \$1,500 per defibrillator, currently provided by Essex-Windsor EMS for each of the five defibrillators deployed by Community Safety and would also continue to supply expendable medical supplies used for tiered response incidents.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	<a href="#">2023-2026 Strategic Priorities</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Service Experience: Enhance the experience of Team Tecumseh and our citizens through responsive and respectful service.

## Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐ Social Media ☐ News Release ☐ Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Prepared by:

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Director Community Safety & Fire Chief

Reviewed by:

Robert Auger, LL.B.  
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

Recommended by:

Margaret Misek-Evans, MCIP, RPP  
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Medical Tiered Response Agreement