



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Fire & Rescue Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Chad Mactier, Deputy Fire Chief

Date to Council: August 13, 2019

Report Number: FIRE-2019-07

Subject: Majors McGuire Confined Space Training Facility Rental

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That the Acting Fire Chief's report FIRE-2019-07 regarding Major McGuire's proposal to utilize the Town of Tecumseh Fire Department facilities for confined space rescue training **be received** as information.

Background

Confined spaces are those that are large enough to enter and perform work inside, have a limited or restricted means of entry or exit, and yet are not designed for continuous human occupancy. They are found in industrial settings, commercial facilities, hospitals, universities, and even on farms – and include various types of tanks, cargo holds on ships, silos, utility vaults, boilers, sewer and water manholes, elevator shafts, dumpsters, tunnels, and more. Death and injuries result from entrapment and drowning due to asphyxiation and toxic chemical exposure. In many of these incidents, it is not just the person entering the confined space who dies, but also the “rescuer” who may be unaware of the hazard.

Workers entering or working in confined spaces often face life-threatening hazards and, by law, employers must comply with applicable Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) regulations to ensure personnel safety.

In 2016, construction was completed on a Confined Space Training facility at Tecumseh Fire Station 2 on Walker Road. Using concrete storm sewer pipe, it was engineered and constructed on the ground before being completely covered with soil. It has two means of entering/exiting from ground level and two means of entering/exiting from the top. In addition to materials for construction donated by a local pipe company, Dillon Consultants donated consulting and drawings. The only costs incurred were for installation of the facility.



Tecumseh Fire personnel, as a part of regular training requirements, utilize the Confined Space Training Facility for exercises.

Comments

Majors McGuire Inc. (MMI) are safety-training consultants that include hands-on workplace safety training in their curriculums. MMI has submitted a proposal to rent the Town of Tecumseh Fire Department's Confined Space training facilities to support Confined Space Rescue Training that they provide to organizations. Their proposal also requests the use of the training class room and audio/visual equipment.

In the past, Tecumseh Fire's Confined Space training facilities have been rented for training purposes by other local fire departments and organizations such as St. Clair College, FCA (Chrysler) and others.

Any use of the training facilities will be coordinated with the Town of Tecumseh Fire Department so that it shall not impact the day-to-day operations and needs of the Fire Department. MMI will provide adequate insurance coverage as recommended by the Town's insurer and name the Town as additional insured.

Consultations

None

Financial Implications

Rental fees are to be charged at the current rate detailed in the applicable Town of Tecumseh Administrative Fees and Charges By-Law at date of rental. The 2019 Administrative Fees and

Charges By-Law currently lists the Room Rental rate as \$142.84 plus HST and the Confined Space Building Rental as \$449.69 plus HST. Any requirement for staffing is to be charged at the current other duties hourly rate listed in the Firefighters' Association agreement.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

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.

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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	1. Town of Tecumseh - Confined Space Rescue Proposal - Rev. 1 - 31-Jul-19