

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Community Health and Safety

Fire Services



To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jason Suchiu – Fire Chief
Date: August 6, 2024
Subject: Lakeshore Fire Department Community Risk Assessment

Recommendation

Approve the Lakeshore 2023 Community Risk Assessment as presented at the September 10, 2024 Council meeting; and,

Direct the Fire Chief to submit the Lakeshore 2023 Community Risk Assessment to the Office of the Fire Marshal in accordance with Ontario Regulation 378/18 of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.

Strategic Objectives

3b) Modernizing and Enhancing Municipal Functions - Revise business processes to establish and employ a risk management framework, improved workflow management, and financial modelling to inform management of reserves

Background

In July 2019, amendments were made to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997* (FPPA) identifying that each municipality complete and review a Community Risk Assessment (CRA). This change was introduced as Ontario Regulation (O.Reg. 378/18).

This regulation requires municipalities to develop their CRA and use it to “inform decisions about the provision of fire protection services”. The findings of the Lakeshore CRA will directly link to the Municipality of Lakeshore Fire Master Plan, with connections to fire prevention, training and emergency response.

Comments

The Regulation requires that the CRA capture the analysis of the nine mandatory profiles. These include:

1. **Geographic profile:** review of physical features of the community including the nature and placement of features such as highways, waterways, bridges and urban-rural interfaces.
2. **Building stock profile:** this includes understanding the types of buildings in the community, the uses and their ages. It also reviews the number of buildings of each use and any building related risks known to the fire department.
3. **Critical infrastructure profile:** this identified the availability and stability of infrastructure that meet vital human needs, sustain the economy and protect public safety (i.e. electrical distribution, water distribution systems as well as communications).
4. **Demographic profile:** is the composition of the community's population relevant to population size, age, gender, socioeconomic makeup and cultural background.
5. **Hazard profile:** these are hazards in the community including natural hazards, technological hazards and hazards caused by humans.
6. **Public safety response profiles:** types of incidents responded to by others in the community and the response capabilities they are able to provide.
7. **Community services profile:** refers to types of services provided by other entities and the capabilities they are able to provide.
8. **Economic profile:** are the sectors of the community that are critical to its financial sustainability.
9. **Past loss and event history profile:** is the past emergency responses including the review of the following:
 - a. Number and types of emergency responses, injuries, deaths and dollar losses
 - b. Comparison of the community's loss statistics with provincial loss statistics.

The Lakeshore Fire Master Plan is a companion document to the Lakeshore CRA and it will help inform and aid Council in decisions associated with addressing the priorities for the protection of all Lakeshore communities over the years to come. The completed Fire Master Plan will come to Council in a separate report and will address the findings from the Lakeshore Community Risk Assessment.

Others Consulted

Emergency Management Group.

Financial Impacts

None at this time.

Attachments

Community Risk Assessment

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team