

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

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**TITLE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH YORK REGION
FOR EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES**

FROM:

Mary Reali, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

During a disaster, citizens require support and access to emergency social services. The proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between York Region and the City of Vaughan establishes expectations, roles and responsibilities of all parties.

Report Highlights

- York Region is proposing a memorandum of understanding for emergency social services.
- The MOU establishes expectations, roles and responsibilities for all parties.
- The MOU amendment expires July 31, 2023.

Recommendations

1. That a bylaw be enacted to authorize the Deputy City Manager, Community Services to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on the City's behalf with York Region to provide emergency social services, in a form satisfactory to Legal Services.

Background

York Region entered into a multi-year agreement with the Canadian Red Cross to provide disaster management services in the event of a major incident affecting any or all municipalities within the geographic area that was recently renewed.

To ensure that roles and responsibilities between all parties were clear.

Previous Reports/Authority

None

Analysis and Options

The memorandum of understanding establishes the expectations, roles and responsibilities of York Region, the City of Vaughan and Red Cross during a major emergency where emergency social services are required to ensure the well-being of our citizens. The MOU also includes preparedness responsibilities, activation procedures, a disputes resolution process and cost recovery process for response.

York Region is providing annual funding to the Red Cross for the term of the agreement to ensure they have the capacity to respond to emergencies through training of volunteers, stockpiling of supplies, planning and exercises.

The memorandum of understanding does not affect our existing relationship with the Red Cross in responding to small scale or personal emergencies such as house fires to provide care to affected citizens at no cost to the City.

Financial Impact

There are no immediate costs to the MOU. In the event of an emergency, there are mechanisms in place for cost recovery for response activities from the province for natural disasters or from the entity causing the incident in human-caused disasters.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The MOU establishes expectations, roles and responsibilities for emergency social services delivery in preparing for and responding to disasters for York Region, the City of Vaughan and the Canadian Red Cross.

Conclusion

Executing the memorandum of understanding with York Region supports service delivery to citizens in need during an emergency.

For more information, please contact: Sharon Walker, Manager of Emergency Planning, Extension 6322.

Attachments

1. MOU – Vaughan ESS 2020
2. Amendment to Emergency Social Services Agreement – Vaughan 2020

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