



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole - Administration and Operations

Date: October 15, 2024

Department: Fire

Topic: 2024 MTO Interim Report

Purpose: To update Committee on 2024 MTO calls

Background: When the fire department responds to an emergency on a 400 series highway and approved services are performed, the MTO will pay the Municipality a rate of \$559.86 per vehicle/hour for up to 3 vehicles, unless the circumstances require more.

When submitting a claim to the MTO; all services performed, supplies used, and fire apparatus' purpose must be documented in detail. Only apparatuses that perform a service qualify for payment. In the event that more than one fire department responds to an incident, only one claim can be made to the MTO. Upon payment from MTO, the host Municipality then distributes the funds as appropriate.

Services eligible for payment include; vehicle extrication, fire extinguishment and spill containment. Rendering first aid, directing traffic and no service calls, i.e., a vehicle in the ditch with no injuries are examples of highway responses that do not qualify for payment.

No-service MTO calls was identified as a priority by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) for the past several years. Unfortunately, multiple requests for data have been unsuccessful, indicating a lack of support for this issue. Moving forward, staff will continue to document all responses and invoice the MTO only when approved services have been performed. This will drastically reduce staff time entering/tracking invoices and eliminate unnecessary risk to fire department personnel gathering information on the highway needed to complete the invoice.

Fire department Officers do an excellent job delegating services that are both "approved" by the MTO and appropriate in the circumstances to mitigate the situation.

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Submitted			Not Submitted		
Date	Hwy	Amount	Date	Hwy	Amount
1/28/2024	416	\$1,679.58	1/11/2024	416	\$1,119.72
2/29/2024	416	\$2,519.37	1/12/2024	416	\$1,119.72
3/4/2024	416	\$2,567.37	1/12/2024	416	\$1,119.72
4/12/2024	401	\$2,669.37	1/25/2024	416	\$559.86
6/11/2024	401	\$2,859.37	1/27/2024	401	\$1,679.58
6/29/2024	416	\$1,679.58	3/20/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			3/24/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			4/9/2024	416	\$1,679.58
			* 5/13/2024	416	\$0.00
			5/23/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			7/31/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			* stand-down by EMS prior to responding		
		\$13,974.64			\$11,757.06



 Fire Chief