



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
INFORMATION ITEM**

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration and Operations

Date: February 10, 2025

Department: Fire

Topic: 2024 MTO Report

Background: When the fire department responds to an emergency on a provincial highway and approved services are performed, the MTO will pay the Municipality a rate of \$570.50 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, vehicle stabilization, fire extinguishment, spill containment, traffic control and stand-by if requested by OPP. 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 is a priority by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Unfortunately, multiple requests for data have been unsuccessful, indicating a lack of support for this issue. Staff assisted Leeds and Thousand Islands with data and documentation for their MTO delegation at ROMA in January. Staff continue to document all responses and invoice the MTO when approved services have been performed.

With EMS transitioning to the Medical Priority Dispatch System, staff expect to see a decrease in no-service calls. A car in the ditch with no further information will now be a low priority call and not trigger a fire department response.

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	\$2,859.51 *	01/27/2024	401	\$1,679.58
6/29/2024	416	\$1,679.58	3/20/2024	416	\$1,119.72
9/12/2024	416	\$1,679.58	3/24/2024	416	\$1,119.72
11/30/2024	416	\$559.86	4/9/2024	416	\$1,679.58
12/1/2024	416	\$559.86	5/13/2024	416	\$0.00
12/1/2024	416	\$1,119.72	5/23/2024	416	\$1,119.72
12/28/2024	416	\$1,679.58	7/31/2024	416	\$1,119.72
12/29/2024	416	\$2,799.30	8/16/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			9/1/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			9/12/2024	416	\$1,679.58
			9/14/2024	401	\$1,119.72
			10/1/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			11/2/2024	401	\$1,119.72
			11/5/2024	416	\$559.86
			11/24/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			12/1/2024	416	\$1,679.58
			12/1/2024	416	\$1,119.72
			12/1/2024	416	\$1,679.58
			12/15/2024	416	\$1,119.72
		\$22,372.54	12/16/2024	416	\$559.86
*Less \$1519.72 to PFD		- \$1519.72			
		\$20,852.82			\$26,873.28


 Fire Chief