



OAKVILLE

REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING ADDENDUM

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2021

FROM: Legal Department

DATE: February 16, 2021

SUBJECT: **Amendment to Special Response Levels Under Oakville Fire Department By-law**

LOCATION: Town Wide

WARD: Town wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That By-law 2021-048, a by-law to amend By-law 2019-071, a by-law to establish and regulate the Oakville Fire Department and to repeal By-law 2011-119, be passed.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- By-law 2019-071 establishes and regulates the Oakville Fire Department and sets out the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief.
- The duties of the Fire Chief under the By-law include ensuring that Specialized Emergency Responses as defined under the By-law are provided by the Oakville Fire Department in accordance with levels set forth in the By-law and provide transition timelines and immediate response capabilities.
- The Fire Chief advises that the levels of service for the provision of Specialized Emergency Responses by the Oakville Fire Department as identified in the By-law should be amended to reflect current industry best practice standards and mission specific response department capabilities. The change would ensure that the bylaw and field responses are properly aligned.

BACKGROUND:

The alterations to the Specialized Emergency Responses by the Oakville Fire Department are as a result of mission specific response levels that are current and

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achievable. These are achieved in accordance with training, knowledge, resources, and experience as defined through industry standards and under the direction of the Fire Chief. This approach to transitioning for specialized emergency response through this bylaw, refines the appropriate response levels and ensures that effective response is maintained while training standards are achieved in a self-sufficient manner as a fire department.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Staff are recommending that By-law 2021-048, a by-law to amend By-law 2019-071, a by-law to establish and regulate the Oakville Fire Department and to repeal By-law 2011-119, be passed. The By-law amends By-law 2019-071 by revising the levels of Specialized Emergency Responses to be provided by the Oakville Fire Department in order to be more flexible and more closely reflect current industry best practice. The amendments ensure that the approved response levels outlined in the bylaw are properly aligned with operational responses.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

By-law 2019-071 establishes and regulates the Oakville Fire Department to protect the community in the event of fire and other emergencies.

(B) FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications with respect to this report.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

This report and amending by-law were prepared on the advice of the Fire Chief.

(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- continuously improve our programs and services
- be accountable in everything we do

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

The ability of the Oakville Fire Department to provide levels of service that meet current industry best practice is a critical component of community sustainability.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A : By-law 2021-048

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