



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

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Mission Statement: As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: 2024 Community Risk Assessment (O. Reg. 378/18) Requirement

1. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. The report from the Fire Chief dated April 23, 2024, regarding the 2024 Community Risk Assessment for compliance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, R.S.O. (FPPA) **BE RECEIVED for information.**

2. BACKGROUND:

On March 28, 2018 the Fire Chief previously provided Council with an information report regarding proposed regulatory changes to the FPPA.

On July 1, 2019, a new regulation under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (FPPA) related to the new requirements for Community Risk Assessments to inform the delivery of fire protection services was enacted.

The Office of the Fire Marshal received input on how to modernize fire service delivery in the province from a group of fire service experts, known as the provincial Fire Safety Technical Table (the Table), was established in January 2017. The Ministry reviewed and applied the Table's recommendations to develop the proposed regulations.

Over 400 Individuals and organizations, including Municipalities and Fire Chiefs submitted comments. Many of those comments were consistent and similar to those outlined in the Fire Chief's previous report.

3. DISCUSSION:

Mandatory Community Risk Assessments

Municipalities are required to conduct a Community Risk Assessment every five years focusing on key profiles in their communities (e.g. demographics, geography, past fire loss and event history, critical infrastructure, building stock profile within the community, etc.).

Municipalities are responsible for reviewing the risk assessment annually to ensure that any significant changes in the mandatory profiles are identified. If there are any significant changes (e.g. addition of retirement homes or care facilities), the municipality will be responsible for updating their assessment. This information will be used to inform decisions about fire protection services in their community. This requirement is now in force as of July 1, 2019. The first Community Risk Assessment meeting the new regulations is due by July 1, 2024.

Amherstburg has been completing Risk Assessments in a variety of formats since at least 2001. Community risk assessments compliant with the new regulatory requirements have been done since 2018 with annual reviews completed each year with amendments made in 2020 & 2023.

It should be noted that it is a municipal responsibility to establish the level of fire and emergency service, including reporting standards. Municipal council most recently has fulfilled its role within the Establishing and Regulating By-law 2023-076 in July of 2023.

The first step in conducting a community risk assessment is to identify the various fire and life safety risks in the community. This was done by gathering data about the make-up of our community and the activities occurring.

O. Reg. 378/18 requires fire departments to consider the following profiles when completing their community risk assessment to ensure the risk assessment best considers all potential risks in the community:

1. Geographic profile: The physical features of the community, including the nature and placement of features such as highways, waterways, railways, canyons, bridges, landforms and wildland-urban interfaces.
2. Building stock profile: The types of buildings in the community, the uses of the buildings in the community, the number of buildings of each type, the number of buildings of each use and any building- related risks known to the fire department.
3. Critical infrastructure profile: The capabilities and limitations of critical infrastructure, including electricity distribution, water distribution, telecommunications, hospitals and airports.

4. Demographic profile: The composition of the community's population, respecting matters relevant to the community, such as population size and dispersion, age, gender, cultural background, level of education, socioeconomic make-up, and transient population.
5. Hazard profile: The hazards in the community, including natural hazards, hazards caused by humans, and technological hazards.
6. Public safety response profile: The types of incidents responded to by other entities in the community, and those entities' response capabilities.
7. Community services profile: The types of services provided by other entities in the community, and those entities' service capabilities.
8. Economic profile: The economic sectors affecting the community that are critical to its financial sustainability.
9. Past loss and event history profile: The community's past emergency response experience, including the following analysis:

The number and types of emergency responses, injuries, deaths and dollar losses.

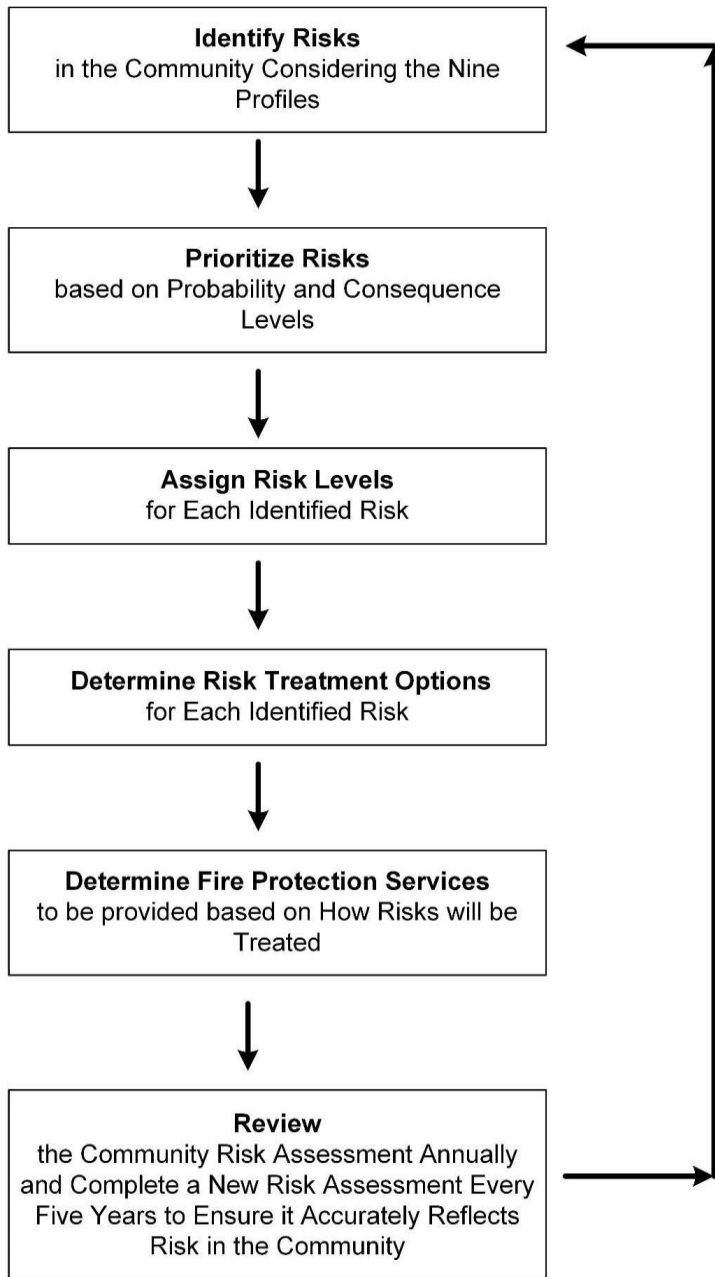
Comparison of the community's fire loss statistics with provincial fire loss statistics.

(Note: Each profile is to be interpreted as extending only to matters relevant to fire protection services.)

The Amherstburg Fire Department gathered and reviewed the data and information about each of these profiles to identify the fire and life safety risks that could impact the community. We have established programming targets and activities to address the findings.

The 2024 compliant Community Risk Assessment is available and provided to the Office of the Fire Marshal for submission should it be requested and has been attached to this report.

Community Risk Assessment: Flow Chart



4. RISK ANALYSIS:

Failure to Comply with O. Reg. 378/18 would jeopardize the Municipality's compliance status with the FPPA. In doing so, it would exacerbate potential liability to the Corporation and is not consistent with proper Planning initiatives.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

There is no cost beyond current annual budget allocations.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

Municipal IT Division (GIS)

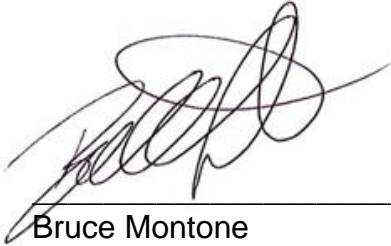
7. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

<i>Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures. <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver transparent and efficient financial management. ✓ Increase effective communication and engagement with residents. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture. ✓ Continue to deliver strong core municipal services. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors. ✓ Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 2 Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and execute plans for town-owned lands (e.g. Duffy’s site, Belle Vue) <input type="checkbox"/> Create public access to water and waterfront <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Town operations and increase Town resilience to climate change. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 4 Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Define and communicate a vision for the Town’s future and identity. <input type="checkbox"/> Promote and plan for green and “climate change ready” development. <input type="checkbox"/> Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing. ✓ Protect the Town’s historic sites and heritage. <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve the Town’s greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.

8. CONCLUSION:

The Department will continue to review annually, the Community Risk Assessment and adjust programming when appropriate. The Department will formally create a New Community Risk Assessment every 5 years as required by O. Reg. 378/18.

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Bruce Montone
Fire Chief

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