

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 11, 2016				Report Date	Tuesday, March 8, 2016			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Auto-Extrication Follow-Up - Report #11/03/16/1103

Subject: Auto-Extrication services in Head, Clara & Maria.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only...

1. Follow up to Auto-Extrication actions... all resolutions were forwarded as directed by Council at its last meeting. Requests for information were sent. A letter to MTO in Ottawa requesting signage was sent. The following are responses received by the office to date.
2. The following is a response received from Bill Riley our insurer when asked about liability...

“Yes I do remember discussing this issue with you in the past. Your press release is quite succinct, in that you have identified that it is not a statutory requirement for you to provide this service under the Fire Protection and Safety Act and that it is a Provincial problem. As for liability there is nothing you can do to stop legal proceedings against the Township in the event of an incident. However the Township has the benefit of it is not your jurisdiction. Secondly you have the benefit of a defense based on economic reasons, a population of 250 cannot be expected to fund beyond their ability to pay and you can pass a resolution and to not provide a service for financial reasons.

Having said that, the Township has the benefit of liability coverage in the event you are named in a Statement of Claim.” W. L. Riley, CIP, CCIB, President, MIS Municipal Insurance Services Ltd

3. In response to the letter asking for a retraction, Warden Emon has requested information about our “plan” prior to a decision being made which you have all been cc'd on...

“Good Morning Ms. Reith and members of County Council:

Thank you for the information and I look forward to you sharing the responses of all of the potential partners your municipality has approached

after the dissolution of the agreement on auto extrication. If possible could you provide the list of municipal, federal and provincial bodies you will be approaching and if possible can you demonstrate the list was developed prior to the dissolution.

Should someone ask me my opinion on the efforts to resolve the issue of Automobile Extraction I would not wish to suggest to any it was unfocussed and developed on the fly if in fact there was a plan in place to address the safety of the public prior to the dissolution of the agreement. I haven't been able to find it in your minutes and reports to council and of course would assume there is a plan and it has been posted, voted on by council and accepted and I missed it. Such a significant decision would of course need the support of a motion of council.

Peter”

4. County CAO Jim Hutton replied that the letter Council directed to all County Council members would be referred to committee. It has also been forwarded to each county municipality and each county council member as directed by Council at the last meeting.

“As per our procedure, your correspondence will be forwarded to our Finance and Administration Committee and will form part of the public record at our meeting which is also an open public meeting.”

5. Mayor Gibson and Councillor Grills met with Mayor Reinwald and Chief Waito on March 3, 2016. No further direction has been provided to staff.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Policy Impact:

As per policy.

Others Consulted:

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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