



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. FIRE-002-24 Fire Marque Inc. Presentation

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Director of Fire and Emergency Services/Fire Chief

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Fire Marque Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. FIRE-002-24 BE RECEIVED for information;

AND THAT Council **APPROVE** entering into an agreement with Fire Marque Inc. for cost recovery with respect to Fire Department Specific responses;

AND THAT staff bring forward the necessary by-laws at the next Regular Council Meeting to implement this.

PURPOSE:

For Council to consider an agreement with Fire Marque Inc. to assist the Municipality in recovery of Fire Service related costs.

BACKGROUND:

Fire Marque Inc. is a company that has engaged many fire departments across Ontario and is expanding nationally for cost recovery purposes. Cost recovery is completed by authorizing the agency to engage existing insurance policies where fire department recuperation costs exist and complete remittance processes on our behalf. This is at no cost to our residents (see accompanying presentation and brochure for further details).

COMMENTS:

Next steps, should Council approve, will be for staff to bring forward a bylaw for approval to enter into an agreement with Fire Marque Inc. as well as an amendment to the fees and charges bylaw that encompasses details on cost recovery. A copy of an Agency Agreement is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Potential increase to revenue (based solely on recuperation of funds related to specific emergency responses with property damage).

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: *Sustainability*

Goal: *Ensure that the Municipality maintains fiscal prudence, along with affordable and sustainable taxation levels*

CONSULTATION:

Mr. Chris Carrier of Fire Marque Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Agency Agreement

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