



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

Date: April 30, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-178B

Moved By: Councillor

Seconded By: Councillor

Whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin's CAO initiated discussions with and a meeting between herself, the Fire Chief and the Fire Marshall's office to discuss fire protection services in the unincorporated community of Lauder,

And whereas the Fire Marshall's office advised of a reimbursement program available since 2022 to reimburse municipalities who provide certain fire protection services to unincorporated communities,

And whereas on April 29, 2024, the Fire Marshall's office submitted to the CAO the details of this program's Agreement which were shared with the Fire Chief on the same day,

And whereas unlike the historical fire protection services agreements between the Municipality and Lauder property owners, this particular program does not require the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin to attempt to reach or track property ownership in Lauder, have them sign agreements with the Municipality, attempt to collect fire protection services funds, or to negotiate any fire protection services and/or fees with them,

And whereas unlike the historical fire protection services agreements between the Municipality and Lauder property owners, the Ontario Government's reimbursement program offers the Municipality an more appropriate rate of compensation for the provision of fire protection services to those property owners, one which is fairer to the tax payers of Calvin who bear all operating and capital costs associated with the Municipality's Fire Dept,

And whereas the Fire Chief and CAO recommend to Council that the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin enter into an agreement with the Government of Ontario for the reimbursement of eligible fire protection services to eligible properties in the unincorporated community of Lauder, that eligibility, as determined by the Ontario Government,

And whereas under all circumstances and at all times, only the Fire Chief has the authority to and shall determine when and if to respond to any fire protection calls in the unorganized community of Lauder,

And whereas the Fire Marshall's office representative has assured the CAO and Fire Chief that during a meeting with Lauder current property owners he explained and outlined the details of the Province's Fire Protection Services Reimbursement Transfer Payment Agreement with them, and that they understand the Fire Department's Chief has sole discretion to determine, at all times, if and when

the Calvin Fire Department will respond to all fire calls outside of the Municipality of Calvin, including in Lauder and including if an Agreement with the Province of Ontario is entered into,

And whereas the Fire Chief has reviewed in detail the provisions of the Fire Protection Services Reimbursement Transfer Payment Agreement and understands it is the Fire Chief's responsibility for ensuring all accounting and reporting of eligible incidents are submitted to the CAO as per the Agreement,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and CAO, on behalf of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin enter into a Fire Protection Services Reimbursement Transfer Payment Agreement with the Government of Ontario, for the period determined by the Ontario Government, March 18th, 2024 to March 16, 2025.

Results:

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>