



# AGENDA

## Council -Special Meeting

4:00 PM - Wednesday, July 8, 2020  
Virtual Council Meeting Via Zoom

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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**4. ADJOURNMENT**



## Council -Special Staff Report

**To:** Mayor Ferguson and Members of Council  
**Subject:** Inwood Station Considerations regarding Firehouse 33 Study  
**Meeting:** Council -Special - 08 Jul 2020  
**Department:** Fire Department  
**Staff Contact:** Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief

### Recommendation:

**That Council supports the study recommendation of an Emergency Medical Response Team by committing to building an apparatus bay for the Inwood Station of Brooke Fire Rescue, or provide Staff with alternate direction.**

### Background:

The Firehouse 33 Consulting Interim Report dated June 15, 2020 generally does not support a fully equipped fire station in Inwood. However it does support an Emergency Medical Response Team in the Inwood area, which can be accomplished with existing Brooke Fire Rescue (BFR) firefighters and resources.

### Comments:

*Comments on Study Recommendations:*

*(Please have report presented at June 25th meeting for reference)*

1. Expand the public education program and consider the creation of a dedicated Fire Prevention Officer position.
2. BFR is currently fulfilling the role of an Emergency Medical Responder Team.

Personnel: The current Inwood Station firefighters have or are in progress of completing over 100 hours of NFPA 1001 Firefighter training through Lambton Fire Academy among other courses including Red Cross First Responder. These firefighters have shown a true dedication to improving the level of fire protection service for the community they live in.

Equipment: A light rescue apparatus assigned to a new Inwood Station, equipped primarily with medical and auto extrication equipment and capable of transporting a minimum of four firefighters is recommended. Off road/4x4 capability would be an asset, given the rural response area.

3. This has already been done with satisfactory results, especially given the ongoing unknowns surrounding a future BFR presence in Inwood.
4. No objections.

5. No objections.
6. Recommend keeping the names Alvinston & Inwood on apparatus and buildings.

### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

A continued fire presence in Inwood from a municipally owned fire station, with a downsized fleet, is the most effective way to protect the Inwood Response Area while ensuring all BFR firefighters are properly equipped with the proper tools and equipment needed. In addition to the recommended purchase of a light rescue, keeping Pumper 6 in Inwood should be considered.

A potential station in Inwood could be designed to primarily house one apparatus of any size, or two smaller apparatus. It could be planned as a basic facility that would support the Alvinston Station, with all training and administrative tasks continuing to be completed in Alvinston.

The former MTO building in Alvinston has served the purpose as intended, to temporarily house apparatus. However, this is a short-term solution and plans should be made by BFR to vacate this building.

If Council decides that no station is needed in Inwood altogether, then R5, P6 and T7 should be considered surplus, and Council must acknowledge the BFR Response Area will be serviced solely from the Alvinston Station. Existing Inwood members would be welcome to join the Alvinston Station. Some live within a reasonable distance to respond to Alvinston while some may better serve BFR by carrying their own bunker gear, if they are able to do so and proper operational procedures can be maintained. It would be expected that some members will resign.

### **SUMMARY**

It is agreed that the Inwood area has received a consistent level of service for the past six months with no detriment received.

However, if Council decides that no station is required in Inwood, then they must be aware that the temporary automatic aid agreement with the neighbouring municipalities needs to be discontinued. It is also important for them to note that while Mutual Aid assistance is always available, the Mutual Aid Plan states that each Municipality shall have enough resources to handle your own needs and circumstances.

### **Financial Considerations:**

While acknowledging stagnant growth in the community and municipal financial challenges, Dawn-Euphemia's contribution to their Fire Board share of a potential capital project in Inwood may be a large deciding factor. If they are not in a position to contribute, then it is recommended Dawn-Euphemia acknowledges they are comfortable with coverage from the Alvinston Station.

By downsizing the Inwood Station fleet, funds could be made available by sale of surplus apparatus. It is anticipated that the final Firehouse 33 Report will address specific fleet recommendations.