



Administrative Report

Office of the Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

To: Warden McNamara and Members of Essex County Council

From: Sandra Zwiers, MAcc, CPA, CA
Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Subject: 2022 2023 General Liability Program Renewal Update

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Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the comprehensive insurance program renewal process and to seek approval for the delegation of authority.

Background

The Corporation's commercial general liability program expires on June 30, 2022. Since early March, Administration has been working with AON to respond to renewal questionnaires to secure renewal terms for the upcoming one-year term.

Discussion

Similar to the circumstances experienced in 2020 and 2021, AON is unable to provide Administration with a complete renewal quote for review and presentation to County Council in time for its second council meeting in June.

A hard municipal insurance market combined with lagging pandemic pressures on industry workforces are to blame for the delays. AON reports that a renewal package will be received prior to the expiration of the Corporation's current program however it will not be received in time for the June 15, 2022 regular meeting of County Council.

Administration is seeking the same delegation of authority to the CAO as approved in 2020 and 2021.

The Director of Financial Services / Treasurer will prepare a follow up report for County Council's information at its July 20th regular meeting.

Financial Implications

Estimates received to date suggest a year over year increase in our total premium cost. While details are minimal at the time of the writing of this report, Administration is optimistic that the increase will be less than that experienced in 2021. The 2022 Budget anticipated upward pressure on the Corporation's premium costs. A statement as to the ability to absorb any negative year over year variances will be made as part of the July 20th report to County Council.

Consultations

Chris Beneteau, Senior Vice President & Branch Manager, AON Risk Services

Recommendation

That Essex County Council delegate authority to the CAO to approve, prior to the June 30, 2022 expiration date, the County of Essex Comprehensive Insurance Program for the period June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023:

And further, that Administration provide County Council with a formal report regarding the approved Comprehensive Insurance Program at the July 20, 2022 regular meeting of County Council.

Approvals

Respectfully Submitted,

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