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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2011
FROM:	JOHN KOBARDA FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT:	REGISTRATION OF MARINE RESCUE BOATS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, and with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the attached proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of October 24, 2011 to;

1. authorize the Fire Chief, or designate, to prepare the necessary documents to register various City of London Fire Services rescue boats in the Canadian Register of Vessels small vessel register, in compliance with the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, or any successor legislation; and
2. authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and seal the necessary documents that have been prepared by the Fire Chief, or designate, under paragraph 1 above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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BACKGROUND

Under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* (CSA, 2001), which came into effect July 2007, all non-pleasure craft (small commercial vessels) licensed by Transport Canada under the previous Small Commercial Vessel Licensing System now require registration with the Small Vessel Register. Since the amendment to the Act came into force, a licence renewal came due for one (1) boat this summer, as well the Department sought to licence a second new boat that is a life cycle replacement. London Fire Department rescue boats, which were previously licenced under the Small Commercial Vessel Licensing System, are now affected. Currently, the fleet includes two (2) front line rescue boats, as well as one (1) backup unit, noting that two (2) of these rescue boats require registration under the new system at this time.

In order to register the rescue boats, Transport Canada requires the following documentation be submitted:

- 1) Signed Application for Registry (Small Vessel Register) with the Corporate seal affixed;
- 2) Signed Statement of Qualification for Vessel Registration with the Corporate seal affixed;
- 3) Simplified Method of Tonnage Measurement; and
- 4) Evidence of ownership (original bill of sale).

The fee for the issuance or renewal of a registration is \$50.00, which is valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of issue.

Given that the application forms require the seal of the Corporation, this report recommends the introduction of a by-law authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the forms for the two (2) rescue boats that are required to be registered at this time. Further, this report also seeks to provide authorization to the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the necessary documents for registry of rescue

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boats as required in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impacts of this request is limited to \$150 over a five (5) year period for the Department's three (3) rescue boats, noting that the Department will accommodate the registration fees within the existing budget.

Acknowledgments

Ms. Gwen Francis, Manager Finance & Planning and Don Colman, Apparatus Division Supervisor for their assistance in the research and preparation of this report.

RECOMMENDED BY:	CONCURRED BY:
JOHN KOBARDA FIRE CHIEF	ROSS L. FAIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



APPENDIX A

Bill No.
2011

By-law No. A.-

A by-law to authorize the preparation and execution of documentation to register various London Fire Department rescue boats in the Canadian Register of Vessels, Small Vessel Register

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* (CSA, 2001) requires all non-pleasure craft (small commercial vessels), which were previously licensed by Transport Canada under the Small Commercial Vessel Licensing System, to be now registered with the department's Canadian Register of Vessels small vessel register;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The Fire Chief, or designate, is authorized to prepare the necessary documents to register various City of London Fire Services rescue boats in the Canadian Register of Vessels small vessel register, in compliance with the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, or any successor legislation.
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute and seal the necessary documents that have been prepared by the Fire Chief, or designate, under section 1 above.
3. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on October 24, 2011.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk