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Chair and Members of the
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Cost Recovery for Fire Services – Third Party Cost Recovery – Fire Marque

At the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, I had an opportunity to talk to a vendor (Fire Marque) that provides third party cost recovery services for municipalities related to the provision of Fire Services. Subsequent to that discussion, I met with Cheryl Smith, Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services and Deputy Fire Chief Richard Hayes to receive input with respect to my intent to bring forward a motion to request the Civic Administration to review and identify potential cost recovery opportunities of \$291,461 to \$485,769 annually to the City of London's Fire Department's Budget.

It is important to note, that it is my understanding that implementing a third party cost recovery process will not result in an added expense to the property owner or breach the privacy of the property owner. It is also my understanding that the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits the submission of requests for information from the Fire Marshal's Incident Reports that will facilitate the cost recovery process. This proposed funds that would be recovered would be obtained through the insurance policy of the property owner.

I am therefore seeking support of the following recommendation:

“That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to investigate and report back to a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee in Q2 2020 with respect to opportunities for, and the viability of, cost recovery for Fire-related responses through property owners' insurance.”

Respectfully submitted,

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