

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT FES-2025-02**  
**April 8, 2025**

**SUBJECT: 2025 MTO Rate for Motor Vehicle Collisions**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the amendment to By-law 2006-193 to reflect the updated fees and charges; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the amendment to By-law 2021-188 to reflect the updated fees and charges.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "**Economic Growth**" for creating a diverse economy through partnerships and emerging markets to ensure sustainable growth and quality employment.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) annually prescribes a fee for fire response per vehicle. This fee is included in the annual fee schedule for Fees By-Law 2006-193 and By-law 2021-188, which is applicable for Welland Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) responses to motor vehicle collisions on provincial highways and municipal roadways. The MTO releases the updated fees for the following calendar year, but it is typically after the approval of the municipal budget for that calendar year. This report is to amend the fees by-law to include the moniker "Current MTO Rate" to ensure the current MTO rate can be applied each year, and to avoid an additional administrative exercise each year after the budget is approved. The updated rates will be shared publicly each year on the city website and social media channels for public awareness. It is recommended that council approves this amendment to ensure the current MTO rate is applied each year.

**BACKGROUND:**

The MTO annually assigns a fee for fire response per vehicle, which is prescribed in the fees by-law each year. This fee is applied for WFES responses for motor vehicle collisions on provincial highways and municipal roadways. At present, the fee schedule lists the 2024 MTO rate, as the current rate was not released until after the 2025 budget was approved. The amendment would assign a moniker “Current MTO Rate” in lieu of the prescribed amount.

**DISCUSSION:**

WFES staff have confirmed the new MTO rate and recommend that council approves this amendment to ensure our fees by-law references the correct rate and that residents and visitors are informed of the proper fees.

**FINANCIAL:**

WFES will continue to invoice for motor vehicle collisions where applicable and will assign the current MTO rate for fire response per vehicle.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff are recommending the Fees By-law 2006-193 and By-law 2021-188 be updated to reflect the above change.

**ATTACHMENT:**

NIL