



LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: D. MCALPINE, CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AND COURT SERVICES

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: COUNTY OF SIMCOE, CITY OF ORILLIA AND CITY OF BARRIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide members of Council with background information concerning the Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Barrie, City of Orillia and County of Simcoe.

In 2013, the City of Barrie, City of Orillia and County of Simcoe entered into a five year Municipal Services Agreement related to the management, governance, performance, cost sharing and reporting associated with services delivered by the County of Simcoe related to Long Term Care facilities, Paramedic Services, and various social assistance programs (Ontario Works, Children and Community Services and Social Housing Services).

The County of Simcoe is responsible for managing the delivery of the services, is accountable to the Province of Ontario and local taxpayers for the management of these services, administering funding arrangements with the Province and/or Federal Government and administering the cost sharing arrangements.

In accordance with the terms of agreement, cost sharing for the services is determined on the following basis:

Service	Cost Sharing Basis
Paramedic Services	100% weighted taxable assessment
Long Term Care	Blended - 65% caseload, 35% weighted taxable assessment
Ontario Works	100% caseload
Children's Services – fee subsidy, Ontario Works Child Care, Child Care Admin, Early Learning Child Care Admin, Child Care Allocated Admin	100% caseload
Children's Services – broader child care (Includes: All Special Needs Resourcing, Wage Subsidy, Resource Centres)	100% weighted taxable assessment
Community Services – Ontario Child Benefit Reinvestment, Emergency Shelters, Domiciliary Hostels, Community Programs Admin., Emergency Social Services Admin.	100% Weighted Taxable Assessment
Social Housing (Simcoe County Housing Corporation)	100% Weighted Taxable Assessment
Social Housing (Non-Profit)	100% Weighted Taxable Assessment

Both Operating and Capital expenditures are allocated on the above basis.



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A portion of corporate support costs related to the County's corporate support service areas (Chief Administrative Officer, Communications, Customer Service, Information Technology, Human Resources, Finance, Purchasing, Fleet and Property) are distributed based on percentages and allocation methods set out in the agreement.

The County's budget request to the City of Barrie is prepared based on the Municipal Services Management Agreement.

The agreement established a Staff Liaison Committee with representatives from the County, Barrie and Orillia. The Committee meets a minimum of three times per year to review financial and performance reporting. During Staff Liaison Committee meetings, the representatives of the three parties review financial and performance reporting produced by the Council incorporating both financial and non-financial performance metrics.

The current agreement expires on December 31, 2017. Under the terms of the agreement, if it is not renewed after December 31, 2017 but the County continues to act as the service delivery agent for the services, the cost sharing arrangements and payment obligations established under the agreement continue until a new agreement is in force and effect. Currently staff from the County, Orillia and Barrie are reviewing options for potential changes to renew the agreement. These options will be provided to Council in future reports.

Please contact Dawn McAlpine, City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services or Craig Millar, Director of Finance/Treasurer, should you have any questions or require further information.