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## **Emergency Services Committee. Response Boundaries.**

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Dear Larry,

At our inaugural meeting of the Emergency Services Committee, we discussed the need to review the boundaries for our Firefighting Departments.

This is due, in main, to two factors:

1. Response time.
2. Efficiency.

### **Response time:**

Due to the large service area, there are certain benefits to redrawing the boundaries, that would assist ourselves and other neighbouring Fire Departments to decrease their response time. This may ultimately save lives and property and would benefit the outlying areas immeasurably by decreasing the response time of a Fire Department.

### **Efficiency:**

At the present time, the boundaries for the delineation of neighbouring departments pass down through the centre of the road. This causes problems in that Fire department "A" will respond down the same road as Fire Department "B", yet one of them will have a faster response time than the other, causing citizens to be placed in more jeopardy because they live on one side of the road, as opposed to the other.

**Proposal:**

The Emergency Services Committee proposes that we redraw the boundaries for response so that they are down the bush line at the backs of the farms, allowing a single Fire Department to respond to each road.

We also propose that Eastern boundaries be looked at, so that people on this side of the Greenock swamp are serviced by the nearest Fire Department.

**Summary:**

Moving forward with these ideas will allow us to better protect our citizenry. In no way are we interested in degrading the mutual aid system.

It is expected that this proposal will take some time (6 to 12 months) and the implementation will have to come after we have reviewed and dealt with our 911 street name and numbering issue within the Municipality. However, certain parts, such as the initiation of the proposal can start now.

It is expected that this will need to be discussed at County Council level. The Fire Chiefs and I would be pleased to assist in any presentation on this matter, should you require it.

Yours Faithfully,

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CC: Councillors