



DEPARTMENT: FIRE DATE PREPARED: June 3, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 8, 2009	PAGE 1 OF 1 REPORT NO. F-097/09
SUBJECT FIRE CALL/FUEL SPILL	
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BACKGROUND

On July 8, 2008 the Ingersoll Fire & Emergency Service responded to a fuel leak at 105 Thames Street South. As per By-Law 03-4077 Schedule "A" the owner of the vehicle was sent an invoice for \$277.17 as outline in the attached invoice.

Apparently the owner has refused to pay this invoice on the grounds that debris on municipal roads punctured his fuel tank. On April 30, 2009 I was contacted by Treasury asking how I wished to proceed.

ANALYSIS

Council has clear direction within their fee schedule as to the amount to be billed for such a fire department response.

In this case the vehicle owner asserts that the puncture in his tank was the fault of the municipality.

Currently Treasury has no policy in dealing with outstanding invoices.

The cost of associated with obtaining a legal opinion as to the municipalities ability to collect would most likely exceed the revenue associated with the invoice.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive Report #F-097/09 as information and further that the treasury be instructed to cancel the invoice.

ATTACHMENTS: Invoice June 8, 2008

Prepared by:

Darell Parker
Fire Chief

Ingersoll Fire & Emergency Services



MEMO

TO: Gary Seitz
FROM: Darell Parker
DATE: July 8, 2008
RE: Fuel Spill

Please invoice Duncan & Sandy Elston as a result from a fuel spill on July 8, 2008.

Duncan & Sandy Elston
112 Sheuchenko Blvd.
Kincardine, Ontario
N2Z 1B7

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	G.S.T.	Total
Department Response	Flat Rate	\$250.00	\$12.50	\$262.50
1 Bag Oclansorb	\$13.95ea.	\$13.95	\$.70	\$14.65
TOTAL				\$277.17

From: Duncan Elston [sandy.duncan@bmts.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 5:33 PM
To: asarhadi@ingersoll.ca
Subject: Over Due Invoice

To whom it may concern,
I recall receiving a bill last fall for this. However I don't plan on paying the bill since I was not in Ingersoll at the time you said the event occurred. I was at work at Bruce Power Tiverton, Ontario which can easily be confirmed by my employer. Also Sandy my wife was at home then. I lent my car to my daughter and she hit a piece of steel on your roads which ended costing me approx. \$500 to replace the gas tank at the Canadian Tire in Ingersol. Therefore due to your negligence in maintaining your roads clear of hazardous materials the result was a punctured gas tank and the resulting spill which is entirely the fault of the town of Ingersoll. If you wish to reimburse me of my costs that would be acceptable however I didn't plan on holding you liable therefore I expect the same consideration.
Duncan Elston,