



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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Directed To:	Mayor & Members of Council	Attachments:	
Department:	LaSalle Fire Service	Policy References:	
Prepared By:	Dave Sutton, Fire Chief		
Subject:	Amherstburg Nuclear Emergency Plan – Emergency Worker Center		

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council approve the recommendation from the Emergency Planning Program Committee to authorize the designation of the Vollmer complex as a potential Emergency Worker Center in the Amherstburg Nuclear Emergency Plan, and further that Council pass a by-law authorizing administration to proceed with a formal agreement with the Town of Amherstburg and/or the province of Ontario as may be required, subject to the conditions noted in this report.

REPORT:

Due to the proximity of the Enrico Fermi II Nuclear Generating Station in Michigan, the Town of Amherstburg is required to maintain a nuclear emergency response plan. As part of the previous response plan, an Emergency Worker Center was designated in LaSalle at a secondary school. The plan required that upon notification from Amherstburg officials of activation of the response plan, LaSalle Fire Service would assist in set-up and initial staffing of the designated Emergency Worker Center.

The Emergency Worker Center functions as check-in, check-out, and coordination point for emergency personnel from various agencies that may be required to perform duties in the Town of Amherstburg in the event of a nuclear emergency declaration. The centers are required to be at a distance from any potential exposure, and for operational concerns, municipal facilities are preferred.

As the province, through the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, has the primary responsibility for nuclear response, the Town of Amherstburg has recently revised its nuclear emergency response plan. LaSalle's Emergency Management Program Committee recently considered a request from the Town of Amherstburg CEMC to designate the Vollmer complex as a potential Emergency Worker Center. The committee concurred and is recommending approval, with the conditions that no on-site storage of supplies can be provided, and that as a primary reception/evacuation site for the Town of LaSalle, a municipal emergency in LaSalle requiring the site would take priority over the request for use as an Emergency Worker Center.

In the event of an activation, the Emergency Worker Center would be established and operated under provincial authority, however LaSalle staff may be required to assist in the initial access and set-up, and to provide some limited on-going support for the use of the facility.

Regards



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