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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Memorandum LSS-M02-2025 Update on the Liability Premium to Report LSS-16-2024 General Insurance Renewal



For Consideration by Council in Committee on February 25, 2025

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**To:** Mayor Bentley and Members of Council  
**From:** Tracey Borland, Supervisor, Risk Management and Legal & Support Services

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Memorandum LSS-M02-2025 Update on the Liability Premium to Report LSS-16-2024 General Insurance Renewal be received.

At the Haldimand County Council in Committee meeting on November 19, 2024, Legal & Support Services (LSS) presented Report LSS-16-2024, outlining the County's 2025 Municipal Insurance Program and insurance premiums, as proposed by Marsh Canada Limited (Marsh) and Arthur J. Gallagher Canada Limited (Gallagher) for a total of \$979,749 inclusive of applicable taxes.

The premiums were identified as "proposed" because they were submitted before the 2024 insurance period was finalized. It was noted that if the County experienced a significant loss, filed a claim, or made changes to its practices that impact coverage requirements or deductibles, the insurer reserves the right to amend the premiums before the new term begins on January 1, 2025. This is known as a subjectivity clause. For the General Liability Insurance premium, Marsh's subjectivity clause stated that the premium is based upon no claims deterioration as of January 1, 2025.

As required by the insurer, the County's loss run history, which details claims filed by the County with the insurer, was submitted. If a loss run report shows a high frequency or severity of claims, an insurer may charge higher premium rates.

A large claim that began in 2015 was resolved in Quarter 4 of 2024 at \$291,000 over the County's deductible. As a result, Marsh increased the County's liability premium by an additional \$5,236.92 inclusive of taxes, from an annual total of \$109,962 to \$115,198.92. This change represents approximately 0.5% of the total 2025 insurance premiums. Although it is an increase, the impact is low and can be accommodated within the existing draft budget.

Recommendation 6 of Report LSS-16-2024 states that staff will report to Council if there are any significant policy changes for 2025. Although staff do not consider this to be a significant increase, this memo is being provided to advise Council of the change, for full transparency and reporting purposes.

### REFERENCES:

1. [LSS-16-2024 General Insurance Renewal](#)

### ATTACHMENTS:

None.