



*The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa  
Staff Report*

*Office of Protective Services*

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## **Background**

The Municipality has received a request to have the Wawa Fire Department consider retiring a firefighter number.

## **Considerations**

Following the receiving of the request, staff proceeded to do research on this matter.

Blind River Fire Department has no policy on retiring numbers. Manitouwadge Fire Department has no policy and reissued numbers to next person that joined. Espanola just retires numbers of long servicing firefighters.

The consensus received was that retiring firefighter numbers is not a common practice. The numbers issued in the fire service were always just passed along to the next recruit hired. There were exceptions to this practice, where long servicing firefighters had their number retired for 40 years or more of service.

Reviewing the manual on Protocol for the Fire Service there is no mention of retiring firefighter numbers from service at Fire Departments. Even when there is a line of duty death, there is no mention of retiring a firefighter's number.

**Alternatives**

Follow common practices and do not retire firefighter number.  
(Not recommended)

Retire firefighter number. This would be setting precedence moving forward.  
(Not recommended)

Develop a policy providing direction on retiring of firefighter numbers.  
(Recommended)

**Staff Recommendation**

That Council direct staff to develop a policy to set out retiring of fire fighter numbers based on different circumstances. These circumstances would include but not limited to years of service, accidental death, line of duty death. Have Fire Advisor Committee review and provide input for the development of the policy. A draft policy will be presented to Council at the next Council meeting dated June 6 to review.

Respectfully  
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