INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Under the Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act, the Council of every local municipality is required to appoint Livestock Valuers for the purpose of investigating and reporting on claims for damages to livestock under that Act and the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Where the Township receives a claim, the Valuer completes a detailed written report of findings which is used to determine any compensation required in accordance the Act and Program.

The Township has been utilizing our Animal Control provider for this service recently, however this is not part of their contracted service, and staff suggest appointing two experienced individuals for the role.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Staff inquired with other local municipalities regarding service providers, and have received referral to two individuals who currently provide service to the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. Those individuals have advised they are available to provide the service to Norwich, on the same basis. Compensation proposed is as follows:

- $16.57 per hour (3 hour minimum)
- mileage rates as per the Township rate approved by Council

These individuals have suitable experience/knowledge for this role. The remuneration proposed is comparable or less than the current $115 callout fee with the current provider, and based on current claims experience (typically 2 to 3 claims annually) has minimal financial impacts.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A
FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Impacts for compensation to the Livestock Valuers as noted above are fairly minimal, given our recent experience regarding the number of claims filed.

CONCLUSION

Staff suggest appointing two individuals, Arnold Haskett and John Gal, as Livestock Valuers for the Township, with compensation as outlined.

RECOMMENDATION

That Report CAO 2017-26, Livestock Valuers Appointment be received,

And that draft By-law 71-2017, to provide for the appointment of Livestock Valuers be adopted,

And that compensation rates for Livestock Valuers as outlined in Report CAO 2017-26 be approved.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft By-law 71-2017, To provide for the appointment of persons to serve as livestock valuers in the Township of Norwich

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