



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services

Meeting Date: February 20, 2024

**Report: Fire Dispatch Services for Townships within Peterborough
County, Report CSFS24-001**

Subject

A report to recommend the City enter into a new five-year agreement to provide Fire Dispatch Services to the eight townships within the County of Peterborough.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSFS24-001, dated February 20, 2024 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

- a) That the City enter into a new five-year agreement (April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029) to provide Fire Dispatch Services to the Townships within the County of Peterborough for the following annual base fees:
 - i) \$401,673.35 for the period April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025
 - ii) \$472,271.46 for the period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026
 - iii) \$555,277.89 for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027
 - iv) \$652,873.53 for the period April 1, 2027, to March 31, 2028
 - v) \$767,622.58 for the period April 1, 2028, to March 31, 2029
- b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a new service agreement for April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029, with the eight Townships within the County of Peterborough to supply dispatch services on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community Services and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Background

Since 2003 Fire Services has been providing fire dispatch services to Townships in the County of Peterborough. By 2009, all municipalities within the County of Peterborough were receiving dispatch services from the City with an initial renewal agreement approved in 2014.

On April 1, 2019, Council approved Report FS19-003, renewing a five-year agreement to provide dispatch services to the Townships within the County of Peterborough. This five-year renewal included an annual increase of 9.8% and expires on March 31, 2024.

City Fire Services have negotiated a new five-year extension agreement including annual increases of 13.6%.

This agreement continues to be a mutually beneficial agreement for both the City and the Townships. It continues to provide an increased scale to the City's dispatch centre while providing an important source of revenue.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Priority Pillar: Governance and Fiscal Sustainability

- Explore increased sponsorships and partnerships utilizing municipal assets and existing service provisions to provide alternative non-property tax revenue opportunities.

The dispatch service agreements continue to increase alternative, non property tax revenues for the City from the investment in Fire dispatching technology.

Engagement and Consultation

Fire Services staff met with the Township Fire Chiefs of the County of Peterborough, to draft the renewed agreement.

Budget and Financial Implications

The revenue received in 2023-2024 for services rendered was \$341,682.96. The revenue to be received in 2024-2025 under the new contract will increase to \$401,673.35. This increase of 13.6% will apply annually in each of the next four years. This contracted amount will ensure full cost recovery for all services rendered including contributions to dispatch capital program needs.

Conclusion

Peterborough Fire Services provides fire dispatching services to 17 Municipalities, and three First Nations communities covering a population of almost 400,000 residents. Providing dispatching services to other Municipalities continues to help the City deliver a cost-effective service.

Submitted by,

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