



**REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE**

*For City Council – December 13, 2021*

*Additional Item*

**From:** Office of the City Clerk  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021  
**Title:** Regional Fire Dispatch Agreement Renewal

**Description:**

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Council-in-Committee, at its session held on December 13, 2021 considered an administrative from the Manager of Public Safety Communications Centre which requested Council approval to renew the Regional Fire Dispatch Agreements with the Department of Local Government and Government Reform, Village of New Maryland, Tobique First Nation and existing agreement with related Municipal Fire Services.

Currently, the City of Fredericton Emergency/Dispatch Services Communication Center provides public safety dispatch services to Fredericton Fire, Fredericton Police, Woodstock Police and Kennebecasis Regional Police. Also, the Communication Center is contracted by the Province to be one of six NB911 sites (Public Safety Answering Points or PSAPs). The Province is responsible for providing New Brunswick residents 911 services. It does this through service contracts with six PSAPs, namely Fredericton, Saint John, Codioc, Edmunston, Miramichi, Bathurst.

The current agreement with The Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform has expired. The City of Fredericton has reached an agreement with Local Government and Local Reform to continue providing dispatch services. This agreement forms the basis to renew the bi-lateral agreements with the following Municipalities for Regional Fire Dispatch Service, Oromocto, New Maryland, Woodstock, Village of Gagetown, Fredericton Junction, Minto, Chipman, McAdam, Nackawic, Stanley, Plaster Rock, Perth Andover, Meductic, Hartland, Florenceville-Bristol, Centreville, Tobique First Nations, CFB Gagetown and Fredericton Regional Airport Authority.

On an annual basis calls for service for these departments are approximately 6800 calls. The basic service includes the following:

1. Receiving and recording of all calls for emergency service.
2. Dispatching of Fire personnel per emergency situation.
3. Provide uninterrupted Fire call taking and dispatch services 7/24 basis 365 days of the year.
4. Monitoring and recording dispatch channel radio transmissions
5. Provide Automated Computer Aided Dispatch reports for all calls for service.

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It is important to note the proposed agreement is for five (5) years with up to five (5) successive three (3) year automatic renewals. These terms align with Saint-John and Moncton fire dispatch agreements with Local Government and Local Governance Reform.

The Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that t the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the Regional Fire Dispatch Agreement between the City of Fredericton and Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of New Brunswick, as represented by the Minister of Local Government and Local Government reform, to provide Regional Fire Dispatch Services to various areas for a term five (5) years, expiring on March 31, 2026. The Agreement may automatically renew up to five (5) successive three (3) year terms, at a rate based on the formula within the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the Regional Fire Dispatch Agreement between the City of Fredericton and the Village of New Maryland for a term of five (5) years, expiring on March 31, 2026. The Agreement may automatically renew up to five (5) successive three (3) year terms, at a rate based on the formula within the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the Regional Fire Dispatch Agreement between the City of Fredericton and the Tobique First Nation for a term of five (5) years, expiring on March 31, 2026. The Agreement may automatically renew up to five (5) successive three (3) year terms, at a rate based on the formula within the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the above Agreements and any such Regional Fire Dispatch Agreements with other regions containing identical terms and conditions as those above to facilitate this resolution.