

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: June 15, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: John Iverson, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Centralized Fire Dispatch Agreement – Amending Agreement

ATTACHMENT(S): Fire Dispatch Back-Up Services Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council AUTHORIZES the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Centralized Fire Dispatch Service Agreement (Amending Agreement) attached to the report from the Fire Chief dated June 15, 2021 titled “Centralized Fire Dispatch Agreement – Amending Agreement”, to enable the addition of the Fire Dispatch Back-Up Services Agreement with North Island 9-1-1 Corporation.

PURPOSE:

The North Island 9-1-1 Corporation (NI 9-1-1) seeks to enter into a reciprocal back-up agreement with the Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG) to provide fire dispatch service in the event that either the NI 9-1-1 or the City of Prince George Fire Operations Communications Centre (FOCC) is required to move personnel to their respective alternate back-up facilities.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Prince George FOCC provides fire dispatch services to 79 agencies via the Centralized Fire Dispatch Service Agreement in place with the RDFFG. There is no reciprocal back-up agreement currently in place between FOCC and other fire dispatch agencies.

NI 9-1-1 provides fire dispatch service to 80 fire departments within seven regional districts on Vancouver Island and the interior of British Columbia. NI 9-1-1 was previously in a similar arrangement to provide back-up fire dispatch services with Nanaimo, however with the closure of Nanaimo’s dispatch centre in June of 2021, NI 9-1-1 is seeking to enter into a similar arrangement with RDFFG.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed Fire Dispatch Services Agreement includes a cost recovery clause that ensures there is no risk to either party of any significant financial impact should this agreement be approved.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Participating in this reciprocal back-up agreement will significantly enhance public safety for the residents of Prince George and our partner agencies.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

John Iverson, Fire Chief

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager

Meeting Date: [2021/06/28]