

Recommendation:

That the Fire Chief-2023-10 report, dated December 5th 2023, regarding Fire Dispatch Agreement be received and that Council of the Township of Douro-Dummer pass a By-law at the appropriate time during the meeting to authorize the signing of the attached agreement.

Overview:

The City of Peterborough provides all municipalities in Peterborough County with fire dispatch services. Our current agreement expires at the end of March 2024. The new agreement, like the previous one is for a five-year term, beginning April 1, 2024. Dispatch services are seeing increases to operations due to Next Generation 911, dispatcher certifications, hardware, software, and coroner inquest recommendations to name a few.

Conclusion:

Douro-Dummer Fire Services is happy with the services we receive from the City of Peterborough Fire Services dispatching. We have received dispatch services from the City of Peterborough since 2003. With the City being part of our local mutual aid agreements, we consider each other partners, not just a customer. Although there are increases in costs, we are still below other comparable agreements, and these increases reflect a catch-up to better imitate real costs. The County participates in the agreement, both financially, reflected in Schedule "C", and administratively by providing quarterly invoicing to the lower-tier municipality. This new agreement was presented and passed at County Council on November 22, 2023.

Financial Impact:

Appendix "C" reflects our annual cost for dispatch services. For 2024, the cost is up from \$31,844.96 in 2023 to \$39,431.65 and has been included in 2024 budget. The five-year agreement will require Douro-Dummer contributions as reflected in the chart below:

2024	\$39,431.65
2025	\$46,476.97
2026	\$54,776.18
2027	\$64,551.79
2028	\$76,065.72

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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