



## **The Corporation of the County of Essex**

### **By-Law Number 2023-59**

#### **A By-law to authorize the execution of a Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement.**

Whereas since in or about 1994 the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex has deemed it necessary and proper to provide a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Reporting System to the residents of Essex County;

And whereas, pursuant to By-law Number 3141, on or about October 19, 1994, the Corporation of the County of Essex entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with respect to the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System with its constituent local municipalities, various Police Services Boards in place at that time, and the Ontario Provincial Police;

And whereas, further to the Joint Powers Agreement, dated October 19, 1994, on or about February 27, 1996, the Corporation of the County of Essex entered into a Bell Neutral Answer Service Agreement and Public Emergency Reporting Service Agreement with Bell Canada, on behalf of its local constituent municipalities, to provide the necessary technology for the use of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System;

And whereas on June 14, 2021, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (the "**CRTC**") through CRTC Decision 2021-199 directed that 9-1-1 network providers be prepared to provide 9-1-1 services using new technologies, and to decommission existing 9-1-1 networks by March 4, 2025;

And whereas on August 16, 2023, to prepare for the transition to the new mandated network for the provision of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System, Council for the Corporation of the County of Essex resolved via Resolution Number 215-2023 to "authorize the County of Essex to contract with Bell Canada for the provision of Next Generation 9-1-1 Services for all local municipalities, except for the Town of Amherstburg, authorize the Warden and the County Clerk to execute any and all necessary agreements between the County and Bell Canada regarding same, and direct

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Administration to procure the services required for the provision of PPSAP Services";

And whereas Bell Canada and the Corporation of the County of Essex are now in a position to formally executed the Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) That the Warden and the Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute the Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement, a copy of which is appended to this By-law Number 2023-59, and to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.
- 2) This By-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing.

**Read a first, second and third time and Finally Passed this Sixth day of December, 2023.**

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Hilda MacDonald, Warden

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Mary S. Birch, Clerk

**Clerk's Certificate**

I, Mary S. Birch, Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Essex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, of **By-law Number 2023-59** passed by the Council of the said Corporation on this **Sixth day of December, 2023.**

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Mary S. Birch, Clerk  
Corporation of the County of Essex