



**AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF
PRIMARY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
POINT (PSAP) SERVICES**

**AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY PSAP SERVICES
EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025**

BETWEEN:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO
as represented by the
MINISTER OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL
on behalf of the **ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE**

("OPP")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
(the "9-1-1 Authority")

OF THE SECOND PART

RECITALS:

- (a) **WHEREAS** Bell Canada has entered into agreements with the 9-1-1 Authority to provide the 9-1-1 Authority with a 9-1-1 Public Emergency Reporting Service (PERS), and which authorizes the 9-1-1 Authority to deliver 9-1-1 services using NG 9-1-1 technology;
- (b) **AND WHEREAS** it is the obligation of the 9-1-1 Authority under its agreement with Bell Canada to ensure that a Primary Public Safety Answering Point serves the territory in which the 9-1-1 Authority operates;
- (c) **AND WHEREAS** the 9-1-1 Authority is permitted under its agreement with Bell Canada to contract with a third party for the management and operation of the Primary Public Safety Answering Point;
- (d) **AND WHEREAS** the 9-1-1 Authority wishes to contract with the OPP for the management and operation of the Primary Public Safety Answering Point, which is or is expected during the term of this Agreement to transition from being delivered by PERS to being delivered using NG 9-1-1 technology;
- (e) **AND WHEREAS** the 9-1-1 Authority confirms its adherence to this Agreement by executing it, as provided for herein, and providing the OPP with a certified copy of the resolution or by-law authorizing it entering into this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1 The Parties warrant that the recitals are true.

2 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this Agreement:

“9-1-1 Call” means a request for public safety assistance signaled by a 9-1-1 caller using a device and communications service supporting 9-1-1 contact, regardless of the media (e.g., voice, video, text, other) used to make that request; **“9-1-1 Caller”** means the end user contacting 9-1-1.

“Agreement” means this agreement and Schedule “A”, which is attached to, and forms part of this Agreement.

“ALI” means an Automatic Location Identification, which consists of a database feature that displays, to the Primary and Secondary PSAP, address and location data with respect to a source from which the 9-1-1 call originates.

“ANI” means an Automatic Number Identification, which consists of a database feature that displays the telephone number of the primary exchange service that originates the 9-1-1 call to the Primary PSAP.

“Call Control” means a feature that allows the 9-1-1 call taker at the Primary PSAP to maintain control of

the line upon which the 9-1-1 call was made regardless of calling party action.

“**ESZ**” means Emergency Services Zone, which is a geographic area served by a Secondary PSAP in the territory of the 9-1-1 Authority.

“**GIS**” means “Geographic Information System”, a system for capturing, storing, displaying, analyzing and managing data and associated attributes which are spatially referenced.

“**NG9-1-1**” means a secure, IP-based, open-standards based system comprised of hardware, software, data, and operational policies and procedures that (1) provides standardized interfaces from emergency call and message services to support emergency communications, (2) processes all types of emergency calls, including voice, text, data, and multimedia information, (3) acquires and integrates additional emergency call data useful to call routing and handling, (4) delivers the emergency calls, messages and data to the appropriate PSAP and other appropriate emergency entities based on the location of the caller, (5) supports data, video, and other communications needs for coordinated incident response and management and (6) interoperates with services and networks used by first responders to facilitate emergency response.

“**Party**” means the OPP or the 9-1-1 Authority, and “Parties” shall mean both of them.

“**PERS**” means “Public Emergency Reporting Service” which is a telecommunications service provided by Bell for the delivery of 9-1-1 calls.

“**PSAP**” means “Public Safety Answering Point” which is the entity responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and processing those 9-1-1 calls according to a specific operational policy.

“**Primary PSAP**” means the Primary Public Safety Answering Point serving the 9-1-1 Authority and located at the OPP Provincial Communications Centre (PCC), which is the first point of reception by the OPP of 9-1-1 calls.

“**Secondary PSAP**” means the communication center of a fire, police or ambulance agency, within an ESZ, to which 9-1-1 calls are transferred from the Primary PSAP, and for which the Secondary PSAP is then responsible for taking appropriate action.

“**Selective Routing and Transfer**” means a feature that automatically routes a 9-1-1 call to the appropriate Primary or Secondary PSAP based upon the ALI and ANI of the telephone line from which the 9-1-1 call originates.

2.2 **Severability** - If any term of this Agreement shall be held to be illegal, invalid, unenforceable, null, void or inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms shall remain in full force and effect.

2.3 **Section Headings** - The section headings contained herein are for purposes of convenience only and

shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Agreement or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement in any way.

2.4 **Entire Agreement** - This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties, with respect to the provision and operation of services as defined hereunder and supersedes any previous agreement whether written or verbal. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and a tender document such as request for proposals issued by the 9-1-1 Authority for the provision of services as described hereunder or the proposal that the OPP submitted in response to the tender document, this Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

2.5 **Amendments** - Any amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall not take effect until approved in writing by both Parties. Either party may make changes to this Agreement with the consent of the other party by appending an amendment signed and dated by both parties reflecting the changes.

3 **NOTICES**

3.1 **Notice** - Any notice required pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing by mail or by electronic mail to the following addresses:

To the 9-1-1 Authority

Attention: David Sundin
THE CORPORATION OF
THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
360 Fairview Ave W.
Windsor ON N9G 1Z9

Email:
dsundin@countyofessex.ca

To the Ontario Provincial Police

Attention: Municipal Policing Bureau

OPP General Headquarters
777 Memorial Avenue
Orillia ON L3V 7V3

Email: OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca

Or to such other addresses either of the Parties may indicate in writing to the other. Any notice given in accordance with this Agreement shall be deemed to have been received upon delivery, if delivered by mail or by email, five (5) days after sending.

3.2 **Notices in Writing** - All notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing.

4 **RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

4.1 The 9-1-1 Authority shall pay the OPP for providing and operating the Primary PSAP as follows:

- (a) **Amount of Annual Rate** - The 9-1-1 Authority shall be charged and shall be required to pay an annual rate of **\$95,188.24** based on the residential population served in the geographic territory of the 9-1-1 Authority of 169,676 at a per capita cost of \$0.561.
- (b) **Review of Annual Rate** - The annual rate specified in clause (a) shall be reviewed at the end of every calendar year and may be revised by the OPP based on changes to the residential population or changes to costs of labour and equipment. In the event that the residential population of the geographic territory of the 9-1-1 Authority increases or decreases by more than 10% during either the previous year, or cumulatively since the date the Agreement began, the annual rate shall be adjusted accordingly for the following year, and the 9-1-1 Authority shall pay the revised annual rate. The OPP shall determine the residential population using population figures found in the latest version of the Ontario Municipal Directory, or if not found there, then in other recognized sources.
- (c) **Invoices** - The first invoice shall be issued immediately to the 9-1-1 Authority upon the start of the Agreement. The 9-1-1 Authority shall subsequently be invoiced annually at the beginning of each calendar year, and the invoice shall cover the time period for the subsequent calendar year, or portion thereof that this Agreement is in effect.
- (d) **Payments** - Payments invoiced under this Agreement shall be made payable to the Minister of Finance, and payment shall be due no later than thirty (30) days following receipt of the invoice. Any payments which have become due and owing after this time period, in whole or in part, shall bear interest at the rate set by the Minister of Finance from time to time.

5 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OPP**

The OPP shall manage and operate the Primary PSAP and:

- 5.1 **Personnel** - Staff the Primary PSAP to answer and transfer 9-1-1 calls to the appropriate Secondary PSAP at a level appropriate with the 9-1-1 call volume in the geographic territory of the 9-1-1 Authority.
- 5.2 **Equipment** - Provide, in its operation of the Primary PSAP, terminal equipment which permits the utilization of features provided by Bell Canada to the 9-1-1 Authority consisting of ALI, ANI, Selective Routing and Transfer and Call Control features, as well as equipment to communicate with

deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired callers.

- 5.3 **Hours** - Operate the Primary PSAP twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- 5.4 **9-1-1 Call Response** - Answer and transfer all 9-1-1 calls received by the Primary PSAP and associated ANI/ALI information, to a designated Secondary PSAP within the proper ESZ, as deemed appropriate by Primary PSAP personnel. This shall include maintaining control of the line upon which each 9-1-1 call is received until the 9-1-1 call is confirmed as being transferred to the appropriate Secondary PSAP or until the 9-1-1 call is terminated.
- 5.5 **Record Retention** - Retain digital voice records of all 9-1-1 calls received at the Primary PSAP, in accordance with OPP policy, and ANI/ALI data for one hundred eighty (180) days from the date such records are created. The OPP is prepared to provide to authorized personnel, certified copies of audio recordings, as it directly pertains to the Primary PSAP for the purposes of civil litigation and/or criminal proceedings provided the request is received no later than five (5) days prior to the end of the retention period of the recordings or records. The OPP shall retain the original recordings or records until the conclusion of any civil or criminal proceedings to which such records relate.
- 5.6 **Backup Primary PSAP** - Provide an operational backup Primary PSAP to which 9-1-1 calls shall be transferred at the discretion of the OPP or Bell Canada in the event that the usual Primary PSAP is unable to receive the 9-1-1 calls.
- 5.7 **Non-English Callers** - Make reasonable efforts to respond to 9-1-1 calls from non-English callers, subject to the OPP's ability to access the services of a third-party provider. The OPP does not warrant that it shall be able to provide services to non-English callers, or that it shall be able to access such services from a third-party provider.
- 5.8 **Reports** - Upon request from the 9-1-1 Authority, or as determined by the OPP in consultation with the 9-1-1 Authority, the OPP shall provide reports which show the overall efficiency of the Primary PSAP in answering 9-1-1 calls, including the volume of 9-1-1 calls.

6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE 9-1-1 AUTHORITY

The 9-1-1 Authority shall:

- 6.1 **Payment** - Be responsible for the amount of payment, in the manner, and within the timelines set out in Article 4.0 herein.
- 6.2 **Designate Secondary PSAPs** - Designate Secondary PSAPs that are not OPP Detachments for each and every ESZ in the geographic territory of the 9-1-1 Authority to which the Primary PSAP shall answer and transfer a 9-1-1 call, and co-ordinate the participation of all such Secondary PSAPs in the manner required by this Agreement.

- 6.3 **Warranty** - Warrant and represent that each Secondary PSAP serving the 9-1-1 Authority is operative twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and shall answer and respond to all 9-1-1 calls directed to it from the Primary PSAP.
- 6.4 **Changes** - Notify the OPP in writing immediately upon becoming aware of any changes, including but not limited to changes to NG9-1-1 or any technology in use that shall affect or is likely to affect the services the OPP provides under this Agreement, or of any changes to, or the termination or expiry of any Agreement between the Municipality and Bell Canada related to the services provided hereunder.
- 6.5 **GIS Data Responsibility** – The 9-1-1 Authority shall be solely responsible for GIS data it has provided. The OPP is not responsible for aggregating, creating, maintaining, or updating GIS data on behalf of the Municipality.

7 **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- 7.1 **Limitation of Liability** - Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the OPP shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, death or property damage to the 9-1-1 Authority, its employees, subcontractors or agents, or for any claim by any third party against the 9-1-1 Authority, its employees, subcontractors or agents arising from:
- (a) **External Information** - The accuracy or completeness, or lack thereof, of any information the OPP receives from the 9-1-1 Authority, Bell Canada or any other third party, which the OPP relies on in providing services under this Agreement.
 - (b) **Equipment and Services** - Equipment or services provided by any other party (including the failure of any other party to provide equipment or services) which the OPP uses and relies on to provide services under this Agreement including but not limited to:
 - (i) Equipment or services required to transfer services provided under this Agreement from any other party to the OPP,
 - (ii) Services provided to non-English speakers who place 9-1-1 calls,
 - (iii) Services provided by Bell Canada to the 9-1-1 Authority including under PERS or NG9-1-1 and,
 - (iv) Services provided by Secondary PSAPs, which are not part of the OPP.
 - (c) **Call Volumes** - The inability of the OPP to respond to 9-1-1 calls due to call volume that exceeds the capacity of the Primary PSAP, including the equipment and personnel who work at the Primary PSAP.

7.2 **Survival** - Section 7.1 shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

8 **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

8.1 **Compliance with Laws** - Both Parties agree to comply with all applicable laws in effect in the Province of Ontario in performing their respective obligations and duties under this Agreement.

8.2 **Confidential Information** - Both Parties agree that except where required by law, or for the purpose of performing duties or obligations under this Agreement, neither Party shall directly or indirectly disclose, destroy, exploit or use, either during or after the term of this Agreement, any confidential information belonging to the other Party, unless the other Party has provided its written consent. Both Parties further agree that when this Agreement terminates or expires, they shall return all confidential information belonging to the other Party.

9 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

9.1 **Dispute Resolution** - Subject to Article 10.0 herein, if any dispute arises between the OPP and the 9-1-1 Authority as to their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Parties may use the following dispute resolution mechanism to resolve such disputes:

- (a) The Unit Commander of the Primary PSAP and a representative of the 9-1-1 Authority herein shall attempt to settle the dispute within fifteen (15) business days of the dispute arising;
- (b) If the Unit Commander of the Primary PSAP and the representative of the 9-1-1 Authority are unable to settle the dispute within fifteen (15) business days of the dispute arising, they shall refer the dispute to the Director. The Director and the representative 9-1-1 Authority shall attempt to resolve the dispute within fifteen (15) business days;
- (c) If the Parties are still unable to resolve the dispute, the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner of the OPP and representative of the 9-1-1 Authority agrees to attempt to resolve the dispute within fifteen (15) business days; and,
- (d) If the Parties are still unable to resolve the dispute, each may, with the agreement of the other Party, refer the dispute to arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act, 1991, as amended.

10 **TERM, TERMINATION AND RENEWAL**

10.1 **Term** - This Agreement shall come into effect on the date first written above and shall remain in force, subject to either party terminating the agreement as specified in this section.

10.2 **Termination** - Either Party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement without cause and

without incurring any liability upon providing one hundred eighty (180) days written notice of termination to the other Party, in which case this Agreement shall terminate one hundred eighty (180) days following the delivery of such notice. Should a notice to terminate be given, the 9-1-1 Authority shall continue to be obligated to pay for the cost of the services described in this Agreement up to and including the date of such termination and the OPP shall continue to be responsible to provide the services described in this Agreement up to and including the date of such termination.

- 10.3 **Immediate Termination** - Either Party may terminate this Agreement immediately without incurring any liability if Bell Canada withdraws offering PERS or any successor technology such as NG9-1-1 to the 9-1-1 Authority or if the Agreement between Bell Canada and the 9-1-1 Authority for the provision of PERS or any successor technology such as NG9-1-1 is terminated or is expired and not renewed.

11 **GENERAL**

- 11.1 **No Waiver** - The failure of a Party to this Agreement to enforce at any time any of the provisions of this Agreement or any of its rights in respect thereto or to insist upon strict adherence to any term of this Agreement shall not be considered to be a waiver of such provision, right or term or in any way to affect the validity of this Agreement.
- 11.2 **Waiver in Writing** - Any waiver by any Party hereto of the performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective only if in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of such Party.
- 11.3 **No Prejudice** - The exercise by any Party to this Agreement of any right provided by this Agreement shall not preclude or prejudice such Party from exercising any other right it may have under this Agreement, irrespective of any previous action or proceeding taken by it hereunder.
- 11.4 **Restructuring** - The 9-1-1 Authority shall notify, and consult with the OPP before the 9-1-1 Authority's boundaries are altered, the 9-1-1 Authority is amalgamated with another 9-1-1 Authority, the 9-1-1 Authority is dissolved or the legal status of the 9-1-1 Authority is subject to other substantive changes.
- 11.5 **Relations** - The Agreement shall not create nor shall it be interpreted as creating any association, partnership, employment relationship or any agency relationship between the Parties.
- 11.6 **Media** - Both Parties agree that they shall not at any time directly or indirectly communicate with the media in relation to this Agreement unless they first notify the other Party in writing.
- 11.7 **Promotion** - Neither Party shall publicize or issue any publications related to this Agreement unless they first notify the other Party in writing.

- 11.8 **Assignment** - Neither Party shall assign this Agreement or any portion thereof without the prior written consent of the other, which consent may not be arbitrarily withheld.
- 11.9 **Force Majeure** - Neither Party shall be liable for damages caused by delay or failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement where such delay or failure is caused by an event beyond its reasonable control. The Parties agree that an event shall not be considered beyond one's reasonable control if a reasonable business person applying due diligence in the same or similar circumstances under the same or similar obligations as those contained in the Agreement would have put in place contingency plans to either materially mitigate or negate the effects of such event. If a Party seeks to excuse itself from its obligations under this Agreement due to a force majeure event, that Party shall immediately notify the other Party of the delay or non- performance, the reason for such delay or non-performance and the anticipated period of delay or non-performance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **9-1-1 Authority** has affixed its Corporate Seal attested by the signature of its duly authorized signing officer(s), and the Provincial Commander of the OPP has personally signed this Agreement to be effective as of the date set out herein.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

SIGNATURE

Print Name & Title

Date: _____ day of _____, 20__

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Provincial Commander

Print Name

Date: _____ day of _____, 20__

SCHEDULE "A"

BYLAW OR BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Attached to and forming part of the Agreement between

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO
as represented by the
MINISTER OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL
on behalf of the **ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE**

And

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

**PLACEHOLDER
BY-LAW/BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION**