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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **November 16, 2015**

FROM: **Fire Chief**

FILE: **2240-20**

SUBJECT: **Fire Dispatch Agreement – The District of Maple Ridge**

RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Department recommends that Council authorize and approve:

1. The City of Surrey entering into an agreement with the District of Maple Ridge for the provision by the Surrey Fire Department of fire service-related dispatch services for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2016; and
2. Authorize the appropriate officials of the City of Surrey to execute the agreement referred to in Recommendation 1 of this Report.

BACKGROUND

Surrey Fire Service maintains a dispatch centre which provides dispatch services to 12 local governments and regional districts across British Columbia. The agreements under which these services are provided were renewed at the end of 2014 and will expire at the end of 2019, except for the District of Maple Ridge which signed a one year agreement in 2014 that expires at the end of 2015.

In 2014, approximately 70,000 incidents were dispatched through the Surrey Fire dispatch centre. Over 4,000 of these incidents were for the District of Maple Ridge fire department and after hours emergency engineering-operations.

DISCUSSION

The District of Maple Ridge has awarded a request for proposal to the City of Surrey Fire Service to renew the agreement for a further five years, which will expire on December 31, 2020.

Subject to Council approval, the proposed agreement with the District of Maple Ridge would commence on January 1, 2016 and would have a term of five years. Over the term of this agreement, total gross revenues will be \$502,498.52 which will more than offset the costs that Surrey will incur in providing the necessary dispatch services.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize and approve the City of Surrey entering into an agreement with the District of Maple Ridge for the provision by the Surrey Fire Department of fire service-related dispatch services for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2016.

It is also recommended that Council authorize the appropriate officials of the City of Surrey to execute the agreement referred to in Recommendation 1 of this Report.

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Len Garis
Fire Chief

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