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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **March 6, 2025**

FROM: **General Manager, Corporate Services**

FILE: **0540-20**

SUBJECT: **E-Comm 9-1-1 – Designate to the Board of Directors**

RECOMMENDATION

The Corporate Services Department recommends that Council:

1. Designate Larry Thomas, Fire Chief and Emergency Planning Coordinator, as the City of Surrey's representative to the E-Comm 9-1-1- Board of Directors (the "Board") for any required business prior to the 2025 Annual General Meeting ("AGM"); and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to forward the resolution to E-Comm 9-1-1, the City of Langley, the City of White Rock and the Township of Langley.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to designate Larry Thomas, Fire Chief and Emergency Planning Coordinator, to the Board to represent the City of Surrey for any required business prior to the 2025 AGM.

BACKGROUND

E-Comm 9-1-1 ("E-Comm") is the largest emergency communications centre in British Columbia with the largest multi-jurisdictional radio network of its kind in the province. In addition, E-Comm owns and operates one of the largest multi-agency public safety radio networks in North America and is the first point of contact for 9-1-1 callers in Metro Vancouver as well as well as other regional districts and communities across the province. E-Comm receives over two million 9-1-1 calls each year, comprising 99% of the province's annual 9-1-1 call volume.

DISCUSSION

The City of Surrey, the City of White Rock, the City of Langley and the Township of Langley are in the same "Class A" E-Comm shareholders grouping (the "Grouping"). Pursuant to the E-Comm Members Agreement, the four municipalities in the Grouping are entitled to designate two individuals for election to the Board. As per the Grouping's decision, the two Board seats have been designated based on approximate population representation. Accordingly, one seat is dedicated to the City of Surrey.

Due to a recent staff retirement, the City of Surrey's seat on the Board is now vacant. To ensure representation until the 2025 AGM, staff recommend that Council designate Larry Thomas, Fire Chief and Emergency Planning Coordinator to the E-Comm Board for any required business, including attending regular board and committee meetings, and any special meetings prior to the 2025 AGM.

The 2025 E-Comm AGM is scheduled to take place in June 2025. Prior to the AGM, staff will bring forward a subsequent corporate report recommending a designate for election to the Board for the 2025/2026 term.

Legal Services Review

This report has been reviewed by Legal Services.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council designate Larry Thomas, Fire Chief and Emergency Planning Coordinator to the E-Comm 9-1-1- Board of Directors for any necessary business prior to the 2025 AGM and authorize the City Clerk to forward the resolution to E-Comm, the City of Langley, the City of White Rock and the Township of Langley.

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