



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
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Re: Transfer of 9-1-1 Function to EComm

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Staff Recommendation

That consent be given for the GVRD to adopt "Bylaw No. 1011, 2004, - A Bylaw to Convert and Repeal the Service of E911 Emergency Telephone System", to transfer governance and funding responsibility for 9-1-1 from the GVRD to EComm, and that the GVRD Board be notified accordingly.

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Att. 1

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Origin

On January 26, 2004, Council passed a resolution supporting the transfer of responsibility for the 9-1-1 function from the GVRD to EComm. The GVRD Board was advised of Council's position. Subsequently, on April 30, 2004, the GVRD Board of Director's approved the full transfer of governance and funding for the 9-1-1 function to EComm. To implement the transfer, a GVRD bylaw to convert and repeal the service must be consented to by a 2/3 majority of GVRD member municipalities. This report presents the proposed GVRD bylaw for Council's consent.

Analysis

The proposed bylaw for adoption is contained in Attachment 1, "Bylaw No. 1011, 2004, A Bylaw to Convert and Repeal the Service of E911 Emergency Telephone System". As Council has previously reviewed this matter and approved the transfer, giving consent to this bylaw is merely a procedural step toward divesting the GVRD from the 9-1-1 function. This bylaw will convert the function to a service exercised under the authority of an establishing bylaw pursuant to section 774.2 of the Local Government Act. The bylaw creating that service can then be repealed.

Provided that 2/3 of GVRD participants consent to the bylaw, it will be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. The final step will be to have the bylaw adopted by a majority of the GVRD Board. When complete, this process will remove the GVRD from any responsibility and liability associated with the 9-1-1 function.

Financial Impact

At the present time, GVRD costs for administration of the 9-1-1 function are assessed to municipalities on the GVRD property tax billing to municipalities. In 2004, charges to Richmond for this service were \$238,482. If the transfer to EComm is approved, the 9-1-1 function will be funded via a call answer levy assessed to users on their telephone bill. Therefore, the portion of the GVRD property taxes charged to the City of Richmond for this service will be reduced accordingly. This will result in an overall higher cost to users since the service providers will charge a billing and collection fee. However, this approach more accurately reflects the user-pay model.

Conclusion

The GVRD has requested that Council give consent to a bylaw which would divest GVRD of the 9-1-1 function in order that it may be transferred to EComm. Council previously approved a resolution in support of the transfer, therefore, it would be appropriate to lend consent to the proposed Bylaw 1011, 2004 as a matter of procedure. Provided the GVRD participants and Board lend their approval, the transfer of 9-1-1 from the GVRD to EComm is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2005.

GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 1011, 2004

**A Bylaw to Convert and Repeal the Service of
E911 Emergency Telephone System**

WHEREAS on May 19, 1988 Supplementary Letters Patent were issued providing the Greater Vancouver Regional District (the "GVRD") with the function of Division XVII – E911 Emergency Telephone System (the "Service");

AND WHEREAS on June 8, 1999 the E-COMM Emergency Communications for Southwest British Columbia Incorporated ("E-COMM") began providing a portion of the Service functions to the GVRD;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the GVRD has approved a proposal whereby E-COMM will assume the performance of all functions of the Service in lieu of the GVRD;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, the Service is a continued service for which no establishing bylaw has been required to be adopted;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act* a bylaw must be adopted in order to convert a continued service and amend or repeal the service;

AND WHEREAS consent from at least two-thirds of the Service participants to discontinue and repeal the Service has been received;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the GVRD in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. That the Service, effective on the date of the adoption of this Bylaw, is converted and immediately thereafter discontinued and any establishment bylaw deemed to have been adopted in relation to the Service is repealed.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Greater Vancouver Regional District Service Conversion and Repeal Bylaw No. 1011, 2004".

READ A FIRST TIME this ____ day of ____, 2004.

READ A SECOND TIME this ____ day of ____, 2004.

READ A THIRD TIME this ____ day of ____, 2004.

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this ____ day of ____, 2004.