

## COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2018-209
Report Date	June 11, 2019
Meeting Date	June 17, 2019
Service Area	Public Safety Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: Agreement with NB Power for Back-up Fire Protection Services at the Point Lepreau Generating Station***

### ***OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION***

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

### ***AUTHORIZATION***

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### ***RECOMMENDATION***

It is recommended that Common Council authorize the Mayor and Common Clerk to execute the attached agreement with NB Power for the purpose of adding an extra six months to the recently expired agreement to provide back-up fire protection services at the Point LePreau Generating Station.

### ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

In 1982, the City of Saint John entered into an agreement with the New Brunswick Power Corporation for the provision of Back-up Fire Protections Service to the utility's Point Lepreau Generating Station. The attached agreement has been amended a couple of times, notably 1999, and 2013, at which times the stand-by fees were increased. This is the second such extension since the last five year agreement concluded in September of 2018.

The City has advised NB Power if an agreement cannot be reached by the conclusion of this particular six month extension that the long standing backup fire protection services relationship will terminate. Positive discussions have been ongoing and the City has presented to NB Power that we are interested in sustaining the emergency response relationship with an enhanced focus on training the Saint John Fire Department on the various types of emergencies that can occur at the Nuclear Power Generating Station. In addition to an enhanced level of training, there needs to be more value for the City for the commitment to provide NB Power Back-Up Fire Protection Services.

This second six month extension is in all other respects identical to the contract that expired in September of 2018 and is intended to provide a commercially

reasonable time period to conclude negotiations of which the city hopes to attain enhanced training and value for the citizens of Saint John.

### ***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

Common Council renewed the previous Back-up Fire Protection Agreement with NB Power in August of 2013 and subsequently agreed to the first six month extension in September of 2018.

### ***STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT***

***Vibrant Safe City*** – Contributing as part of a regional response helps to ensure the safety of our larger community.

***Fiscally Responsible*** – Advancing the culture of continuous improvement - securing reimbursement for emergency incident planning, preparation and response is consistent with our fiscally responsible approach.

### ***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

In exchange for the identified stand-by fee, the City is committed to provide emergency response services for NB Power at the Point Lepreau Generating Station. To support competent emergency response, the SJFD is also committed to participating in semi-annual training/orientation and exercises for the Point Lepreau Generating Station.

The emergency response service is triggered upon the City's Public Safety Communications Centre receiving a call for assistance from the Point Lepreau Generating Station. Once a call is received the SJFD will immediately dispatch the following:

- One Incident Commander;
- One Engine and Crew; and
- One Ladder Truck and Crew, or a second Engine and Crew should a Ladder Truck be unavailable.

The City is not required to provide the above if, in the opinion of the Chief it is necessary for any or all of the personnel and / or equipment to remain in or return to the City to provide fire protection services in Saint John.

### ***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

N/A

### ***ATTACHMENTS***

- i) **Agreement with NB Power from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019.**
- ii) **Agreement with NB Power extending six months from the signing date it is approved by resolution of Common Council of the City of Saint John**