

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

On 2004 November 10, the SPC on Finance and Corporate Services adopted the motion on FCS2004-59, 9-1-1 Communications Centre Capital Financing Reserve Report, and directed Administration to examine the inclusion of 9-1-1 answering fees for cell phone users with respect to Canadian Radio Television Commission (CRTC) implications around land lines versus cell phone usage and costs, CRTC considerations, and any other factors around this issue and bring a report to the SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than 2005 June 01; and that this report include an overview of what other jurisdictions are doing with respect to these issues.

On 2005 June 27, Council approved CPS2005-30, 9-1-1 Call Answer Fees for Wireless Service Providers, and directed Administration to negotiate voluntary billing and collection agreements with Wireless Service Providers; and initiate discussions with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), and other municipal associations regarding a joint CRTC application.

On 2006 April 24, Council approved CPS2006-24, 9-1-1 Call Answer Fees for Wireless Service Providers, and referred this matter to the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee in order to allow for the CRTC application.

On 2011 November 21, 2012-2014 Business Plan and Budget meeting, Council adopted a Motion Arising by Alderman Colley-Urquhart with respect to Report C2011-73, requesting the Mayor work with the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee on a collaborative strategy to advocate to the Government of Alberta (GoA), the Government of Canada (GoC), the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in several areas including Emergency Communications - Provincial E9-1-1 Act to require telecommunications companies to remit their wireless 9-1-1 fees to the operators of 9-1-1 centres.

On 2012 May 28, Council approved IGA2012-23, Update on Alderman Colley-Urquhart's Motion Arising – Business Plan and Budget Debates, and received for information an update on the Provincial E9-1-1 Act to require telecommunications companies to remit their wireless 9-1-1 fees to the operators of 9-1-1 centres.

On 2012 September 24, Council adopted Alderman Mar's NM2012-39, 9-1-1 Act, directing Administration to report back through Intergovernmental Affairs Committee no later than 2012 November, with a progress update on the wireless 9-1-1 fee remission issue; and that Council requests that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting advancement of the 9-1-1 Act in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In response to Council's direction on NM2012-39, 9-1-1 Act, Mayor Nenshi sent a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in 2012 October requesting the opportunity to work with the GoA, to develop and enact legislation compelling telecommunication providers to remit wireless 9-1-1 fees to the province for distribution to PSAPs throughout Alberta.

On 2012 November 19, Council adopted IGA2012-0741 Progress Update on Proposed 9-1-1 Act, directing Administration to update Council, through the SPC on Community and Protective Services on significant developments in the advancement of a 9-1-1 Act.