



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 21-071**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Corporate Services
Resource Staff: Shawn Armstrong, Director, Emergency Services
Date of Meeting: February 16, 2021
Subject: Renewal of Agreement – PulsePoint Foundation

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

PulsePoint Foundation, a California based non-profit corporation, provides a software solution to our community designed to support public safety agencies working to improve cardiac arrest survival rates in their communities. The City of Kingston currently has an agreement with PulsePoint for the provisioning of this service as approved by Council by [Report Number 20-027](#) and it is now due for renewal.

Recommendation:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract with PulsePoint Foundation, a non-profit corporation, (“The Foundation”), in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor, for an annual term and support fee of \$8,000 USD, with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms, at the City’s sole discretion, under the same terms and conditions.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Brad Joyce, Commissioner,
Corporate Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Business, Environment & Projects	Not required
Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required
Sheila Kidd, Commissioner, Transportation & Public Works	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

The PulsePoint solution notifies smart phone users that an emergency response is occurring in a general area once Kingston Fire & Rescue is dispatched to attend. The notifications are for those incidents impacting public safety and would include vehicle accidents, spills, leaks, fires, and impacts from severe weather events. People who have installed the PulsePoint application onto their smartphone would receive notification with information indicating the type of emergency, time and approximate location. Users can also select and monitor emergency events occurring in other communities that offer the PulsePoint solution. Currently there are over 9500 users of PulsePoint in the Kingston area.

An agreement was made with PulsePoint Foundation after Council approval through [Report Number 20-027](#), to provide this solution. This was vetted through the City's Information Services and Technology department before implementation occurred and quality assurance measures are in place to ensure personal data is protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The solution has been working well and it is a widely used valuable tool allowing those who are CPR trained to assist in saving lives within our community. In addition to notifying nearby responders of a cardiac emergency, the solution provides the location of the nearest public accessible defibrillator for the PulsePoint responder's use.

The original agreement's term of the contract is up for renewal. Staff is recommending renewal of the existing contract in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor for an annual term and support fee of \$8,000 USD, with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms, at the City's sole discretion, under the same terms and conditions.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

None

Notice Provisions:

None

Accessibility Considerations:

None

Financial Considerations:

Software licensing fee of \$8,000 USD is accounted for within the Kingston Fire & Rescue annual operating budget.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

Jeff Bumstead, Chief Information Officer, Information Systems & Technology

Exhibits Attached:

None