



## Staff Report

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Council</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	March 25, 2024	<b>Report Number:</b>	PUB-006-24
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Lee-Ann Reck, Deputy CAO, Public Services		
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	Trevor Pinn, Deputy CAO, Finance and Technology	<b>Resolution#:</b>	
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<b>File Number:</b>		<b>By-law Number:</b>	
<b>Report Subject:</b>	Communications and Interoperability Radio System Use Adhesion Agreement		

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### Recommendations:

1. That Report PUB-006-24, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;
2. That Council approves the signing by the Mayor of the revised Communications and Interoperability Radio System Use Adhesion Agreement, adding Elexicon as a partner.

## Report Overview

Clarington is part of the existing Communications Interoperability and Radio System Use Adhesion Agreement. The Agreement allows Clarington Emergency and Fire Services and Clarington Public Works to use the Regional radio system. Elexicon would like to join the Regional system and as such the Agreement requires amendment and authorization by all parties.

## 1. Background

### Interoperable Radio System

- 1.1 The Regional Radio system is owned by Durham Region and used by all 8 municipal fire services in Durham Region, all municipal Public Works Departments, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, Durham Region Police Services, and Durham Region Public Works
- 1.2 Each user group has their own Tact Channels that are used exclusively by them.
- 1.3 In the event that user groups need to communicate with each other during an emergency event, including mutual aid requests, user groups can switch to an interoperable Tact Channel, improving communication effectiveness.

## 2. Discussion

### Elexicon Request

- 2.1 Elexicon has requested to join the Radio System User Group. The Region has approved their request and has circulated the revised agreement to all user groups for their authorization. (Attachment 1)
- 2.2 In Clarington, the authorization to approve the amended agreement is with Council.
- 2.3 Clarington Emergency and Fire Services (CEFS) is recommending that Council approve this request as it will improve communication between Elexicon and CEFS during emergency operations.

## 3. Financial Considerations

- 3.1 The addition of Elexicon as a partner in the Agreement is anticipated to reduce the financial contributions required of existing user groups.

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## 4. Strategic Plan

- 4.1 The recommendations in this report are closely aligned with the strategic priority to support the proactive management of community safety and well-being.

## 5. Concurrence

This report has been reviewed by the Deputy CAO/Solicitor, Legislated Services who concurs with the recommendations.

## 6. Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the revised Communications and Interoperability Radio System Use Adhesion Agreement, adding Elexicon as a partner.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Communications and Interoperability Radio System Use Adhesion Agreement

Interested Parties:

The following interested parties will be notified of Council's decision:

Lincoln Frost-Hunt, Vice President Digital and Innovation, Elexicon Energy Inc.

John Henry, Regional Chair and CEO and Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham