



**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

C O U N C I L R E P O R T

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TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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DEPARTMENT: Legal Department
RE: POA – Fourth Inter-Municipal Agreement

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval of the fourth Inter-Municipal Agreement between the City and all POA Municipal Partners (“Agreement”) regarding Provincial Offences’ services and revenue sharing.

Background

On March 12, 2001, the City assumed the prosecution and administration of *Provincial Offences Act* charges. Since that time, the City has been operating the Provincial Offences Court on the first floor of the Civic Centre. The City’s Provincial Offences Office services the Algoma Catchment Area encompassing an area which runs east to the Municipality of Huron Shores and north to White River. Accordingly, in 2009, the City entered into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with all of the municipalities in the Algoma Catchment Area to provide Provincial Offences’ services and revenue sharing. The First Nations of Batchewana and Garden River also participate in this Agreement. The most recent renewal of the Agreement was made on August 10, 2020. The term of the existing Inter-Municipal Agreement has expired and must be renewed for a further five-year term ending March 31, 2030.

Analysis

The Agreement confirms that the parties consent to the renewal of the 2009 Agreement for a further period of five years.

Financial Implications

Pursuant to Section 3 of the 2009 Agreement, the City shall continue to share the annual net *Provincial Offences Act* revenues and deficits with each municipal partner on a population basis.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

This is an operational matter not articulated in the corporate Strategic Plan.

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Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-Law 2025-52 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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