

Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor &
Council** DATE: **February 17,
2004**

FROM: **General Manager,
Engineering** FILE: **5450-30
(Allstream)**

SUBJECT: **Allstream – Municipal Access Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Allstream Corp. (“Allstream”) granting Allstream a 5-year, non-exclusive right to install telecommunications infrastructure within the Yale Road, West Whalley Ring Road, 102 Avenue and 140 Street rights-of-way.

BACKGROUND

Allstream has been awarded the contract to provide high-speed telecommunications services to the new J.P. Morgan Call Centre proposed in the Central City site, and Allstream has approached the City for approval to install the necessary infrastructure within Surrey roadways. In order to proceed with its project, Allstream must first enter into a license agreement with the City. This agreement is in addition to any other permits and approvals required by the City.

DISCUSSION

Allstream is proposing to install roughly 300 metres of underground duct work on West Whalley Ring Road and Yale Road to service Central City from the south, as well as roughly 1,450 metres of duct work on 102 Avenue and 140 Street to service the site from the east.

The City has entered into similar site specific license agreements with other telecommunications carriers including AT&T (which is now part of Allstream) and Rogers. Also, consistent with past practice, the City will receive compensation on an annual basis in return for such use of its highways and road allowances.

CONCLUSION

Subject to the agreement being finalized and accepted by Legal Services, it is recommended that Council authorize the execution of a 5-year agreement with Allstream Corp.

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