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Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

Mayor &

Council

DATE: February 17,

2004

FROM: General Manager,

Engineering

FILE: 5450-30 (Bell)

SUBJECT: Bell Mobility - Municipal Access Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. ("Bell Mobility") granting Bell Mobility a 5-year, non-exclusive right to install telecommunications infrastructure within the 64 Avenue road right-of-way near the Serpentine River bridge.

BACKGROUND

Bell Mobility has approached the City to install an equipment shelter and mount two antennae and related wiring on existing hydro poles. The infrastructure is required by Bell Mobility for the purposes of improving localized cellular zone coverage for Bell customers in the Serpentine Flats area of Surrey. In order to proceed with its project, Bell 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

The City has entered into similar site specific license agreements with other telecommunications carriers including AT&T and Rogers. Also, consistent with past practice, the City receives compensation on an annual basis in return for such use of its highways and road allowances. The Planning and Development Department has reviewed this proposal and confirmed conformance with the cellular antenna corporate policy.

CONCLUSION

An agreement has been prepared and accepted by Legal Services and consequently recommended that Council authorize the execution of a 5-year agreement with Bell Mobility to allow the proposed works to proceed.

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