

# Corporate Report

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#### **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: February 3, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Bell Canada - License Agreement for Use of Road Allowances

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the execution of a license agreement with Bell Canada ("Bell") that will act to grant Bell a non-exclusive right to install telecommunications infrastructure for a 5-year period at 2 locations within City of Surrey highways and road allowances as generally described in this report and as illustrated on Appendix I attached to this report.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Bell has approached the City to install underground fibre optic cable and manholes at 2 locations in Surrey, being 128 Street/73 Avenue and 130 Street/76 Avenue. The map attached as Appendix I illustrates the locations more precisely. The infrastructure is required by Bell to expand communications services to the RCMP offices on 76 Avenue for the 2010 Olympic Games and to augment its network on 128 Street. To proceed with these projects, Bell must first enter into a license agreement with the City.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City has entered into similar site-specific license agreements with other third party telecommunications carriers including AT&T, Allstream, Rogers and Bell Mobility. Consistent with past practice, the City will receive payment for administration costs and the equivalent of lease compensation on an annual basis in return for granting permission for such use of its highways and road allowances.

Legal Services staff has reviewed the proposed agreement and has no concerns.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize staff to execute an agreement with Bell Canada that will allow Bell to install and operate works for a 5-year period at two locations in the City's road allowances.

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Appendix I - Map Illustrating Location of Proposed Works

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