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**REGULAR COUNCIL**

**TO: Mayor & Council** **DATE: October 15, 2010**

**FROM: General Manager, Engineering** **FILE: 0930-30/061**

**SUBJECT: Agreement Related to the Rogers Telecommunications Tower  
at South Surrey Athletic Park – 2199 – 148 Street**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute on behalf of the City a new licence agreement with Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers) related to the continued use of space on the South Surrey Athletic Park at 2199 – 148 Street by the existing Rogers telecommunications tower with terms and conditions as generally described in this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In 1986 Rogers installed a telecommunications tower on City land at 2199 – 148 Street under a 5-year lease agreement with the City. In 1991 a new 15-year lease was approved by City Council, which expired in 2005. Subsequent to the expiry in 2005, Rogers has been on a month-to-month tenancy. Consistent with the City's Telecommunications Tower Policy, the Rogers tower currently supports the radio and telecommunications equipment of seven service providers; these being:

- Rogers;
- Telus;
- Bell Mobility;
- Terasen;
- British Columbia Railway Company;
- E-COMM (Emergency Communications for Southwest British Columbia); and
- City of Surrey (Fire & Engineering Operations radio equipment).

**DISCUSSION**

Staff has negotiated a new agreement with Rogers for a 15 year term commencing on January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2020. The rental rates, which increase over the term of the agreement, are representative of industry rates for similar communication towers in the lower mainland. The City currently has radio equipment for the Fire Department and Engineering Operations Division (pumps & controls) on the tower. Under the terms of the agreement the City has the right, at no cost, to maintain and add to its equipment on the tower during the term of the agreement.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed agreement is consistent with the Surrey Sustainability Charter's economic scope action EC4 which is: "employing sound accounting and financial management practices and structures".

## **CONCLUSION**

The Rogers communication tower at the South Surrey Athletic Park eliminates the need for other towers in the South Surrey area by consolidating multiple communications service providers at one location. A proposed agreement that has been negotiated with Rogers provides for the payment to the City of market-based rental rates and allows the City the use of the tower for its own communications infrastructure needs. Based on the above, it is recommended that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute on behalf of the City a new agreement with Rogers Communications Inc. related to the continued use of space on the South Surrey Athletic Park at 2199 – 148 Street by the existing Rogers telecommunications tower with terms and conditions as generally described in this report.

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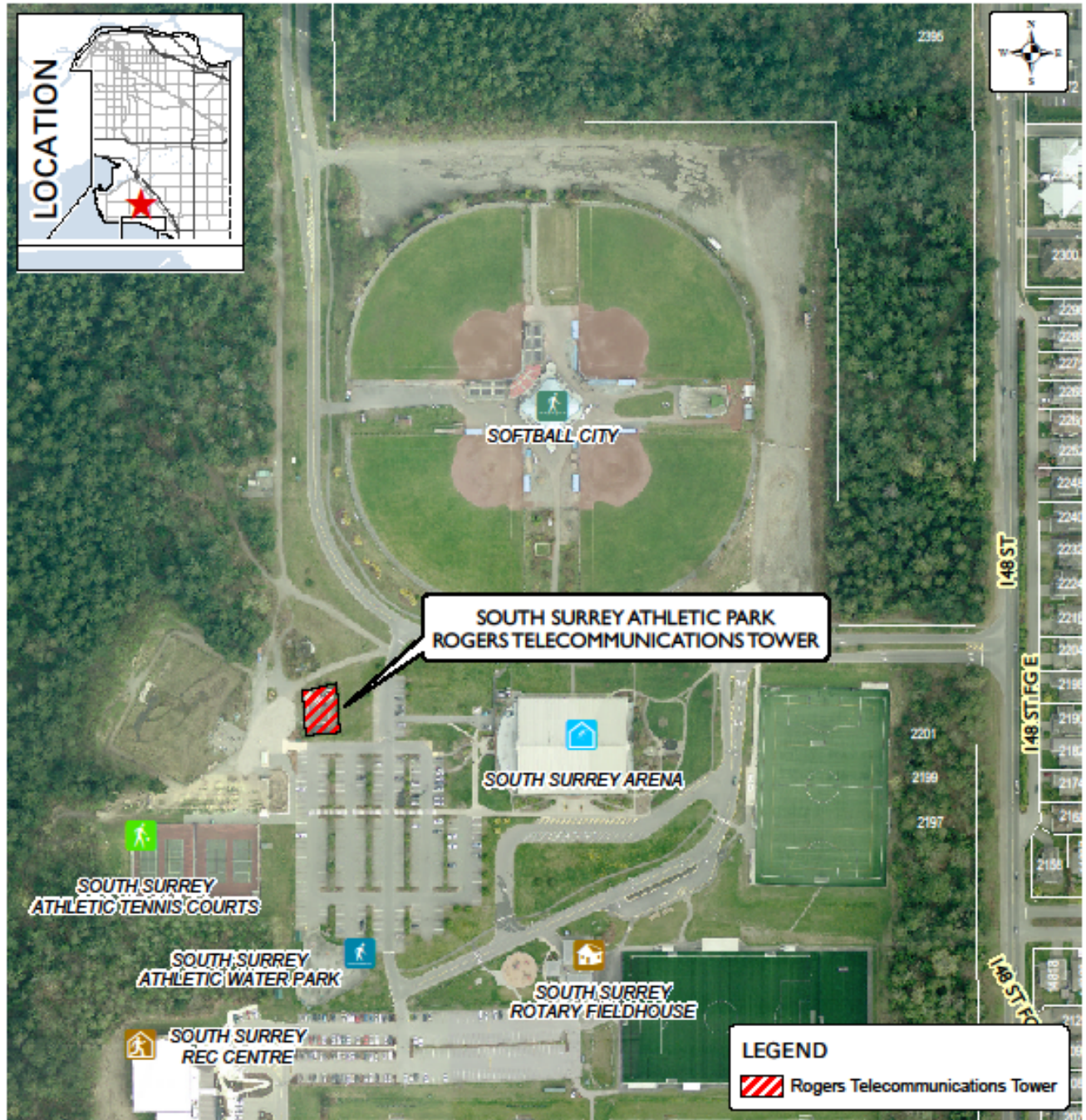
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### Appendices:

I. Aerial Photograph of Site

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



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## SOUTH SURREY ATHLETIC PARK ROGERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT

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