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**REGULAR COUNCIL**

**TO: Mayor & Council** **DATE: May 25, 2011**

**FROM: General Manager, Engineering** **FILE: 5450-30 (A2B)**

**SUBJECT: License Agreement with A2B Fiber Inc. for Use of Road Allowance**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a license agreement with A2B Fiber Inc. ("A2B") that will act to grant A2B a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the 54A Avenue road allowance between Panorama Drive and 152 Street in Surrey as illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report.

**BACKGROUND**

A2B has approached the City for permission to install, operate and maintain underground fibre optic cables within the 54A Avenue road allowance between Panorama Drive and 152 Street as illustrated in Appendix I. This infrastructure will allow A2B to expand its communications capacity and to support the longer term expansion of their customer base in Surrey. To proceed with this project, A2B must enter into a license agreement with the City for the use of the road allowance.

**DISCUSSION**

The City has entered into similar site-specific license agreements in the past with other telecommunications carriers including Allstream, AT&T, Bell Canada, Bell Mobility and Rogers. The proposed agreement is consistent with the FCM National Telecommunication Handbook and Access Agreement template. In accordance with the template, the City will receive payment for administration and causal costs in return for granting A2B permission for such use of its road allowance.

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

## SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed telecommunications infrastructure expansion supports the City's Sustainability Charter in relation to the following goals:

- EC2: Economic Development Strategy and an Employment Land Strategy – The proposed infrastructure will provide expanded communications capacity and coverage in the City to serve businesses and residents.
- EN8: Sustainable Engineering Standards and Practices – Construction processes will minimize environmental impacts.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a license agreement with A2B that will act to grant A2B a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the 54A Avenue road allowance between Panorama Drive and 152 Street in Surrey as illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report.

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Appendix I - Map of Location of A2B Works

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: May 13, 2011, AW8

Date of Aerial Photography: May 2010



## LOCATION OF A2B WORKS

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.  
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Lot sizes, Legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.

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