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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 16, 2012**

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

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

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a license agreement with Allstream Inc. (“Allstream”) that will act to grant Allstream a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the 136A Street, 104 Avenue and Whalley Boulevard road allowances in Surrey all as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report.

## BACKGROUND

Allstream has approached the City for permission to install, operate and maintain underground fibre optic cables within the 136A Street, 104 Avenue and Whalley Boulevard road allowances as illustrated in Appendix I. This infrastructure will allow Allstream to provide telecommunication services to the tenants at 10362 King George Boulevard. To proceed with this project, Allstream 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 A2B, 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 Allstream 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 for businesses in support of economic development in Surrey.
- EN8: Sustainable Engineering Standards and Practices – Construction processes will minimize environmental impacts.

## CONCLUSION

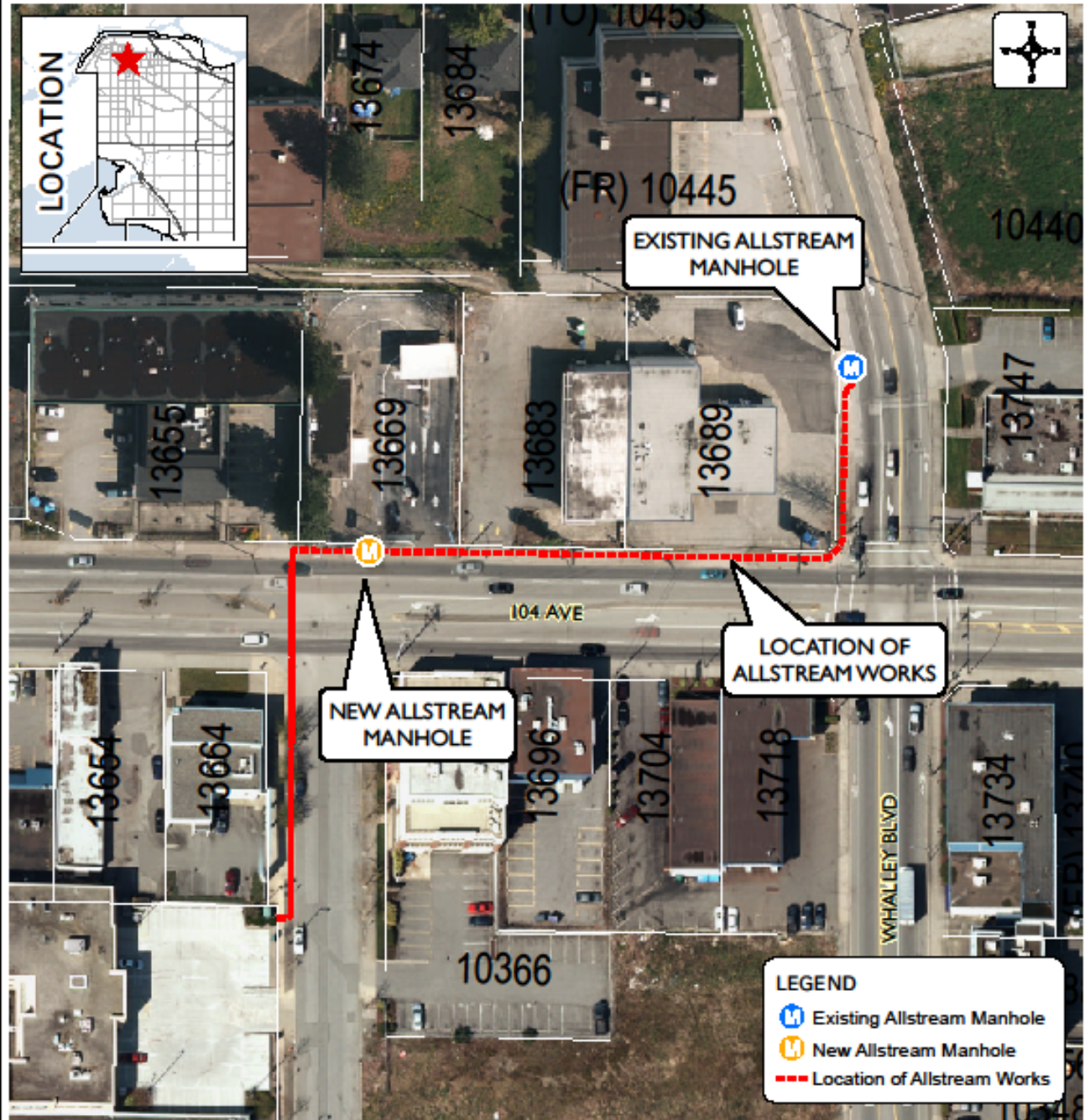
Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a license agreement with Allstream that will act to grant Allstream a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the 136A Street, 104 Avenue and Whalley Boulevard road allowances in Surrey all as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report.

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Appendix I - Map of Location of Allstream Works

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: January 23, 2011, AWB

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2011



**LOCATION OF  
ALLSTREAM 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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