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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **January 20, 2015**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **5450-30 (Allstream)**

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

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. 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 ten (10) year period within the road allowances as illustrated on 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 road allowances as illustrated on Appendix I. This infrastructure will allow Allstream to provide better telecommunication service to the NAV Canada site at 7421 – 135 Street. Prior to such installations, Allstream must enter into a license agreement with the City for the use of the road allowances.

## DISCUSSION

The City has entered into site-specific license agreements with other telecommunications carriers including A2B, AT&T, Bell Canada, Bell Mobility and Rogers.

A new model license agreement has been developed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). Staff are working with Allstream on certain terms of the new license agreement, which will be finalized, prior to submitting the new license agreement to the Mayor and the City Clerk for execution.

The Legal Services Division has confirmed that it has reviewed the new license agreement and has no concerns.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The expansion of telecommunications infrastructure that is contemplated by Allstream will assist in achieving the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; more particularly the following:

- EC2: Economic Development Strategy and an Employment Land Strategy – The proposed infrastructure will provide expanded communications capacity to serve businesses in Surrey; and
- EN8: Sustainable Engineering Standards and Practices – The construction processes that will be utilized will minimize environmental impacts.

## **CONCLUSION**

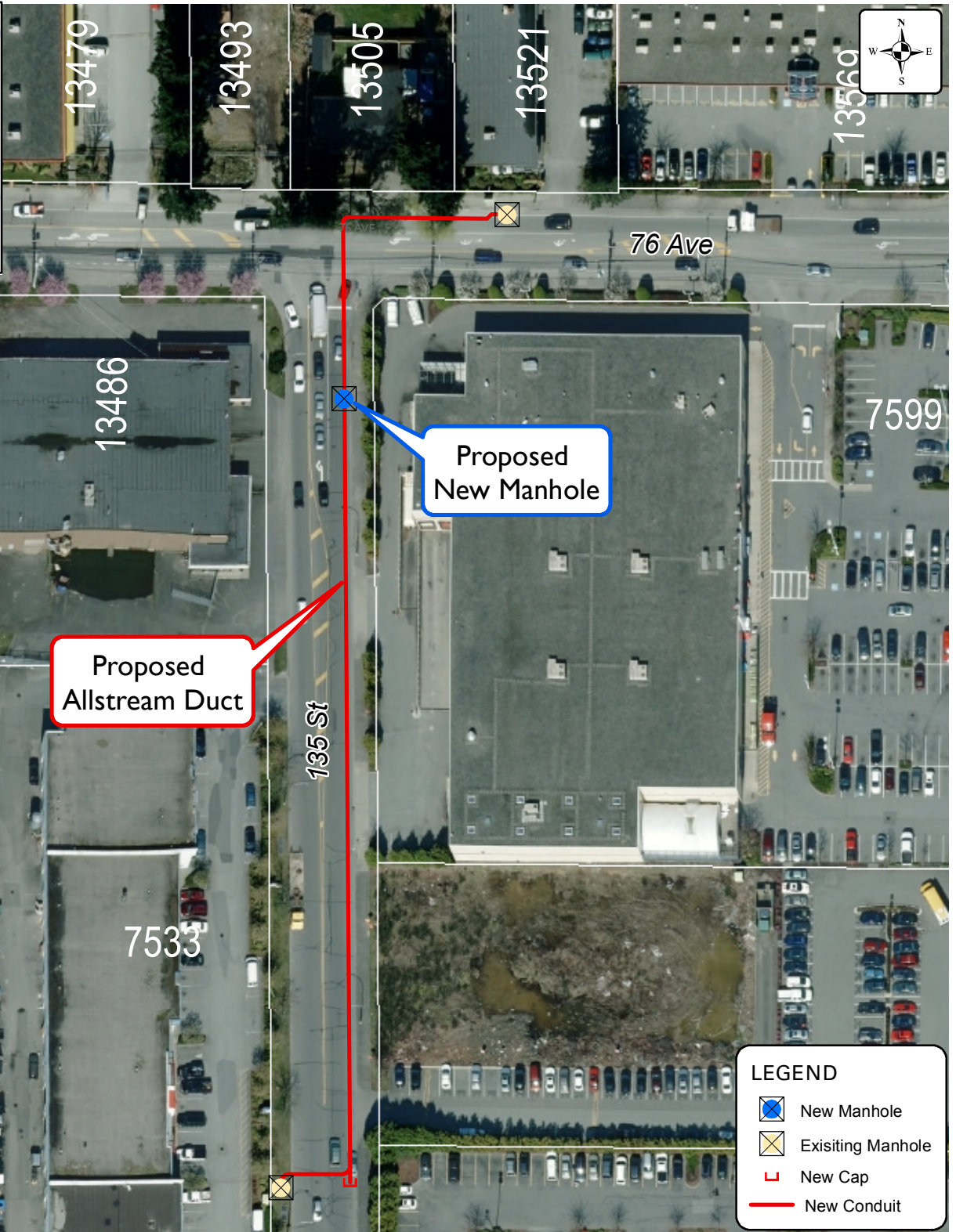
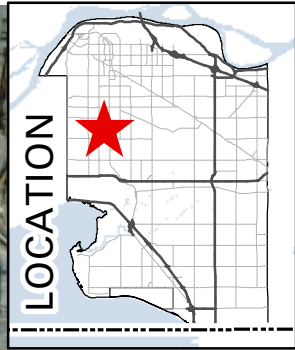
Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a license agreement with Allstream Inc. (“Allstream”) that will act to grant Allstream a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the road allowances as illustrated on Appendix I attached to this report.

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Appendix I - Map of Location of Allstream Works: 135 Street and 76 Avenue

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



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Location of Allstream Works:  
135 Street and 76 Avenue

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DEPARTMENT

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.  
This information is provided for information and convenience purposes only.  
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