

COUNCIL – JANUARY 14, 2002

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SERVICE CONNECTION CONTRACT

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Purchasing recommends:

- 1) That Contract T01-95, Installation of Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Water, Sanitary and Storm Sewer Service Connections be extended with Direct Underground Ltd. for a 2 month period up to March 1, 2002.

Purpose

Council approval to extend Contract T01-95 until Tender T02-04 is awarded.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council awarded the current Service Connection Contract (T01-95) to Direct Underground Inc. on September 10, 2001 (refer to Referred Item No. 1, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 54, Item 16). This contract expired December 31, 2001.

Staff advertised Tender T02-04 in December 2001 for the 2002 Service Connection Contract with a closing date at the end of January 2002. The 2002 contract will therefore come before Council in February for award.

Due to the unusually mild winter conditions to date, Engineering Department staff continue to receive requests for service connections. In order to provide timely customer service, staff request a two month extension of Contract T01-95. Direct Underground Inc. has expressed agreement to continue under the current contract terms.

Conclusion

Extension of Contract T01-95 for two months (to March 1, 2002) until tender T02-04 is awarded would provide for timely customer service.

Attachments

None.

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