

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

### **GPS TRACKING (PUBLIC WEB SITE) COSTS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that this report be received for information.

#### **Economic Impact**

The costs of this service are already included in the Operating budget.

#### **Communications Plan**

Advertisement of the web-based plough tracking program will be done through the newsletter that is being developed and will be distributed to residents, as well as through the City's web site itself.

#### **Purpose**

To update Council on the cost of the GPS system used to track plough and windrow clearing equipment.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

As part of the tender award for winter maintenance services, Council requested additional information with respect to the cost of the GPS tracking system, and a public web site to track the units.

Staff provided the unit costs previously for each vehicle, and also noted that although a public web site was not part of the request for proposals when reinstating GPS on winter equipment, they contacted the service provider (Grey Island), and were informed this service is still available. When the additional information was provided to Council, the supplier had not yet provided a cost estimate for this service. As such, staff indicated they would report at a later date with the financial impacts of reinstating the public web site to monitor ploughing and windrow clearing operations.

Staff have contacted Grey Island, and the cost to re-instate the web-based GPS tracking system is approximately \$8,000.

As this service is of great benefit to the residents, and there were sufficient funds in the approved Operating Budget to proceed with this initiative, Public Works staff are working with Grey Island to get the public site up and running for the upcoming winter season. As was previously, access to the plough tracking system will be through the City's web site.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, and relates to Vaughan Vision 2020 's Goal of "Service Excellence", and the Objective of "Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery".

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

A public, web-based site, that allows residents to see where the snow ploughs and windrow machines are working, will be implemented again for this upcoming winter.

It is anticipated that this initiative will reduce the number of phone calls to the City, as residents will be able to see where the ploughs and windrow clearing machines are working.

**Attachments**

N/A

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