

COUNCIL – DECEMBER 6TH, 2004

FUTUREWAY COMMUNICATIONS INC. (FCI) BROADBAND NETWORK SERVICES

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the Director of Information Technology (IT) Services recommends:

1. That the confidential memorandum from the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications in respect to this matter be received,
2. That Council authorize staff to negotiate a final agreement with Futureway Communications Inc. for provision of broadband network services, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, and
3. That a By-law be enacted to authorize the Clerk and the Mayor to sign the agreement and related documents.

Purpose

To ensure continuity of broadband network services by authorizing staff to negotiate an agreement with FCI.

Background - Analysis and Options

As part of a five (5) year agreement, FCI is the City's current provider of broadband network services. The term of the agreement expires at the end of this year. A new agreement is required to ensure continuity of broadband network services. Such services are essential for City, PowerStream, and Vaughan Public Library operations.

As the incumbent, FCI is best positioned to ensure continuity of these essential services, as well as ensure the least possible cost for same.

Necessary provisions in the Information Technology (IT) Services department 2005 budget have been made.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Planning and Managing Growth – continual renewal and scalability of computing facilities, driven by municipal growth, enables staff to achieve higher levels of efficiency, effectiveness and customer service;

Technology and Innovation – use of information technology enables staff to effectively address various business and citizens service issues.

The recommendations made in this report and related initiatives are consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated.

Conclusion

The current agreement with FCI for provision of broadband network services is nearly expired. Such services are essential for City, PowerStream, and Vaughan Public Library operations.

As the incumbent, FCI is best positioned to ensure continuity of these essential services, as well as ensure the least possible cost for same. It is expected that the cost will not exceed \$100,000 per year (inclusive of taxes).

Necessary provisions in the Information Technology (IT) Services department 2005 budget have been made.

Attachments

- Confidential Memorandum from Commissioner Economic/Technology Development and Communications.

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