

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

22 OCTOBER 2008

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**Renewal of York Regional Police/RCMP  
License of Occupation Agreement**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Board renew the License of Occupation Agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2013, for their radio system repeater equipment on the Egypt Tower on the same terms and conditions, including the annual fee, as contained in the current agreement dated September 1, 2006; and
2. That the Chief of Police be authorized to execute a renewal of the License of Occupation Agreement, subject to approval of the Region's Legal Services as to form and content.

**SYNOPSIS**

York Regional Police has a communications tower near the hamlet of Egypt in the Town of Georgina. The structure is owned by the Board, but it is located upon private lands, the owner of which has previously entered into a land lease agreement with the Board. This agreement does not expire until August 31, 2013. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has a radio system repeater located upon the Egypt communications tower under a previous agreement with the Board, which they wish to renew and extend until August 31, 2013.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The renewed License Agreement requires the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to pay an annual fee of \$2,000.00 to the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have expressed their preference for a 5 year renewal of this Agreement which would then expire on August 31, 2013, and will align with the expiry of the Board's current land lease agreement with the owner of the property upon which the communications tower is located. The annual fee will partly defray the Board's lease costs of this site.

## BACKGROUND

York Regional Police currently operates a Motorola Public Safety Voice and Data Radio System, which is also the primary Voice Radio System used by all municipal Fire Services within York Region. In addition, the system provides voice radio inter-operability between the Region's Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Department, Fire Services and York Regional Police. The system consists of eight remote tower sites located throughout the Region, which are linked back to the master site at York Regional Police Headquarters through a network of redundant microwave links and landlines. The systems are controlled from the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PPSAP) operated by York Regional Police, which manages all 9-1-1 calls within the Region.

The Egypt Communication Tower site is owned by Mr. John Anderson Jr. with whom the Board has a Land Lease Agreement. The Board owns the tower structure on this site. The Board currently pays the Lessor the sum of \$6,500 per annum and is also responsible for payment of the associated property taxes.

In 2006, the Board entered into a License of Occupation Agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which permitted their radio system repeater equipment to be located upon the Egypt Communication Tower. This Agreement expired August 31, 2008 and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has indicated its desire to renew it. The proposed termination date of the new agreement will coincide with the expiry of the Board's current Land Lease Agreement for the tower site in 2013.

In February 2008, the Board adopted Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Chief of Police entitled "King Communication Tower Site" which states:

*"That paragraph 8 of the Board's Installations on Communications Tower policy permit the installation of communication equipment owned, operated, or controlled by other police agencies, that enables radio communication interoperability between York Regional Police and other police agencies, be exempt from the payment of a fee and that the equipment of non-profit organizations such as the Red Cross and amateur radio service clubs involved in emergency management planning, as approved by the Region's Emergency Management Department, be fee exempt."*

In this case, the equipment belonging to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is exclusively for their use and therefore does not contribute to communication inter-operability with York Regional Police. There are no commercial users of the Egypt Communication Tower. The tower was fully inspected by Trylon TSF in 2004. Minor maintenance work was completed in

2005 and again this year at which time the grounding system was improved. It is scheduled to be fully inspected again in 2009. Although the installed equipment owned by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police does not pose any significant load upon the tower structure, it does consume electrical power which is paid for by the Board. The continuance of this Agreement will ensure that the RCMP equipment continues to be at no cost to the Board.

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