

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

25 MARCH 2009

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board renew the License of Occupation Agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police retroactive from September 1, 2008, to August 31, 2013, for their radio system repeater equipment on the Georgina Communication Tower under the conditions of the Boards interim policy regarding Installations on Communications Tower; 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.

SYNOPSIS

This is a follow up to a report submitted in October 2008 concerning a contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to allow them to use our Georgina radio tower for a voice radio repeater. The Board instructed the officer in charge of Communications to renegotiate the fee schedule thereby aligning it with the Board's Communication Tower policy which was adopted at the February 28, 2008 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The previous License Agreement between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the York Regional Police Services Board, contained a fee schedule of \$2,000.00 annually. The Communication Tower policy adopted by the Board at its February 2008 meeting will require the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to pay a fee of \$7,200.00 plus GST. for the first year. This fee will be increased annually by 5 percent during the term of the license agreement. The 5 year renewal of this Agreement will expire on August 31, 2013. This will align with the expiry of the Board's current agreement with the owner of the property upon which the communications tower is located.

Year	License Fee	Annual Increase	Total excluding GST
2008/09	\$7200.00		\$7200.00
2009/10	\$7200.00 + 5%	\$360.00	\$7560.00
2010/11	\$7560.00 + 5%	\$378.00	\$7938.00
2011/12	\$7938.00 + 5%	\$396.90	\$8334.90
2012/13	\$8334.90 + 5%	\$416.74	\$8751.64
5 Year License Agreement Total			\$39,784.54

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 9-1-1 calls made within the Region regardless of whether the call is for police, fire or emergency medical assistance.

The tower in Georgina sits on private property and the Board has a land-lease agreement with the owner. The Board owns the tower structure on this site and currently pays the Lessor the sum of \$6,500 per annum. The Board 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 tower in Georgina. The agreement, which expired on August 31, 2008, required the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to pay an annual fee of \$2000.00.

In February 2008, the Board adopted Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Chief of Police entitled "King Communication Tower Site" which established a fee schedule based upon the type of service provided and the equipment used. In accordance with that recommendation, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will now be required to pay a fee of \$7,200.00 plus GST. for the first year plus an additional 5 percent each year for the duration of the five year term.

At the October 22, 2008 Police Services Board a report regarding renewal of the License of Occupation Agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was presented. The report and proposed License of Occupation Agreement was based upon the terms and fee schedule within the previous License of Occupation Agreement which expired on August 31, 2008. The Board directed the officer in charge of Communications to renegotiate the fee schedule in order to align it with the Board's Communication Towers policy which was adopted at the February 28, 2008 meeting.

On February 20, 2009, York Regional Police received the signed License of Occupation Agreement for the communication tower in Georgina from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. If the Board approves this License of Occupation Agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Board will realize a 21.6 percent increase in fees over the term of the five year agreement. With this proposed License of Occupation Agreement, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is required to pay a fee of \$7,200.00 plus GST. for the first year of the term plus an additional 5 percent each year for the duration of the five year term.

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