



## Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number RD2020-009

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**Meeting Date:** October 6, 2020

**Title:** Bell Canada Alternate Locate Agreement

**Description:** Agreement to reduce the number of locates processed by the City of Kawartha Lakes for Bell Canada

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report RD2020-009, **Bell Canada Alternate Locate Agreement**, be received;

**That** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Alternate Locate Agreement with Bell Canada on behalf of the City of Kawartha Lakes; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Department Head:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:**\_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

During the summer of 2020 Bell Canada approached the City of Kawartha Lakes requesting the formation of an Alternate Locate Agreement (ALA).

This report addresses that request.

## **Rationale:**

Bell Canada is proposing that, when their employees are excavating by hand up to a maximum depth of 12 inches (30.5 cm), they be automatically cleared through Ontario One Call for locate requests submitted for City of Kawartha Lakes underground infrastructure. The proposed ALA (attached as Appendix A – Bell Alternate Locate Agreement) stipulates that, should any damage occur to buried municipal infrastructure, Bell Canada will “assume full financial liability for any and all damages incurred including infrastructure restoration”.

This agreement will reduce the number of locate requests received from Bell Canada (through Ontario One Call) that would require City staff to process and attend at the proposed location of the excavation, improving overall locate service delivery to all requestors.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

No other alternative was considered.

## **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

This report aligns the Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan priority of Good Government and its goals of asset management and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts to this agreement. There will be positive impacts to service delivery through expected increased locate efficiency by City staff.

## **Consultations:**

Director Public Works  
City Solicitor  
Manager Public Works – Roads Operations – West B

## **Attachments:**

Appendix A – Bell Canada Alternate Locate Agreement



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Alternate Locate Agr

Appendix B – Section 7.0 of the Ontario Guideline for  
excavation in the vicinity of Bell Network



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