



Council Report

Report Number:	PUR2024-018
Meeting Date:	August 27, 2024
Title:	Fibre Optic Cable Installation for the Future Paramedic Headquarters
Description:	Installation of fibre optic cabling to equip the back-up 911 computer centre at the future Paramedic Headquarters
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Recommendation(s):

That Report PUR2024-018, **Fibre Optic Cable Installation for the Future Paramedic Headquarters**, be received;

That the 2025 budgeted Capital project 928250108– Fiber Optic Network for the installation of Fibre Optic Cabling for the Paramedic Headquarters be granted early start approval, as per Mayoral Decision 05-2024;

That R Line Utility Construction Ltd. be awarded the single source contract for fibre optic cabling installation for a total cost of \$1,000,000.00, not including HST;

That the Director of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the agreement to award the contract; and

That the IT Department be authorized to issue a purchase order.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The future site of the Paramedic Service headquarters is estimated for a construction start in spring 2025. This building will include a back-up 911 computer centre. Fibre optic cabling installation is required to the location. The cabling installation would run from the new Paramedic Service headquarters to City Hall.

Rationale:

City staff will be submitting a funding application for the 911 Next Generation Grant, that would aid in financing of the installation of this 911 cabling. To take advantage of this funding, staff must meet strict work completion deadlines of March 31, 2025 for this grant.

Through a competitive process, R Line Utility Construction Ltd. was awarded the installation of fibre optic cabling to various sites in the City. They have the knowledge and expertise to carry out this work.

Staff recommend that R Line be awarded the single source contract for 911 cabling installation at the future Paramedic Headquarters for a total cost of \$1,000,000 not including HST.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternative is being considered as the Procurement Policy allows for single source purchases from an original vendor if a change of vendor cannot be made for economic or technical reason and would cause significant duplication of costs for the procuring entity.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendation in the report contributes to Council's adopted strategic plan namely:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life: Will help improve the well-being of residents and citizen safety.
2. Good Government: Multiple departments working to provide service collaboratively towards fiscal responsibility, multipurpose facilities and use of technology approach provides accountable government and responsible management of resources. Further, optimizing the Provincial grant is fiscally sound.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

This project will move ahead, with or without grant funding, as it is an integral part of the 911 upgrade. If grant funding is successful, this project must be complete by March 2025 to meet the Provincial requirements. Therefore, it must have an early start to achieve the completion date.

If the grant funding is unsuccessful the funding will be adjusted in the 2025 Capital Budget.

Consultations:

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Supervisor, Budget and Financial Planning
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