

NO: R003

COUNCIL DATE: **JANUARY 13, 2014**

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **January 7, 2014**
FROM: **Acting General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **5450-30 (Bell)**
SUBJECT: **License Agreement with Bell Canada for Use of the 104 Avenue Road Allowance East of University Drive**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a license agreement with Bell Canada ("Bell") that will act to grant Bell a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the 104 Avenue road allowance east of University Drive as illustrated on the aerial photograph attached to this report as Appendix I.

BACKGROUND

Bell has approached the City for permission to install, operate and maintain underground fibre optic cables within the 104 Avenue road allowance east of University Drive as illustrated on the aerial photograph attached to this report as Appendix I. The cable will be installed using directional drilling across 104 Avenue so as to avoid a street cut in the new pavement on this section of 104 Avenue. This infrastructure will allow Bell to provide cellular reception and wi-fi connectivity to the new City Hall.

DISCUSSION

With a view to installing such infrastructure, Bell has requested a license agreement with the City for the use of the subject road allowance. The City has entered into similar site-specific license agreements with other telecommunications carriers including A2B, Allstream, AT&T, Bell Mobility and Rogers. The agreement as proposed is consistent with the FCM National Telecommunication Handbook and Access Agreement template. In accordance with the template, the City will receive payment for administration and causal costs in relation to granting Bell permission to use the subject road allowance.

Legal Services has reviewed the proposed agreement and has no concerns.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The expansion of telecommunications infrastructure as contemplated by Bell will assist in achieving the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; more particularly, the following Charter scope action items:

- *EC2: Economic Development Strategy and an Employment Land Strategy – The proposed infrastructure will provide expanded communications capacity for the new City Hall; and*
- *EN8: Sustainable Engineering Standards and Practices – The construction processes that will be utilized will minimize environmental impacts.*

CONCLUSION

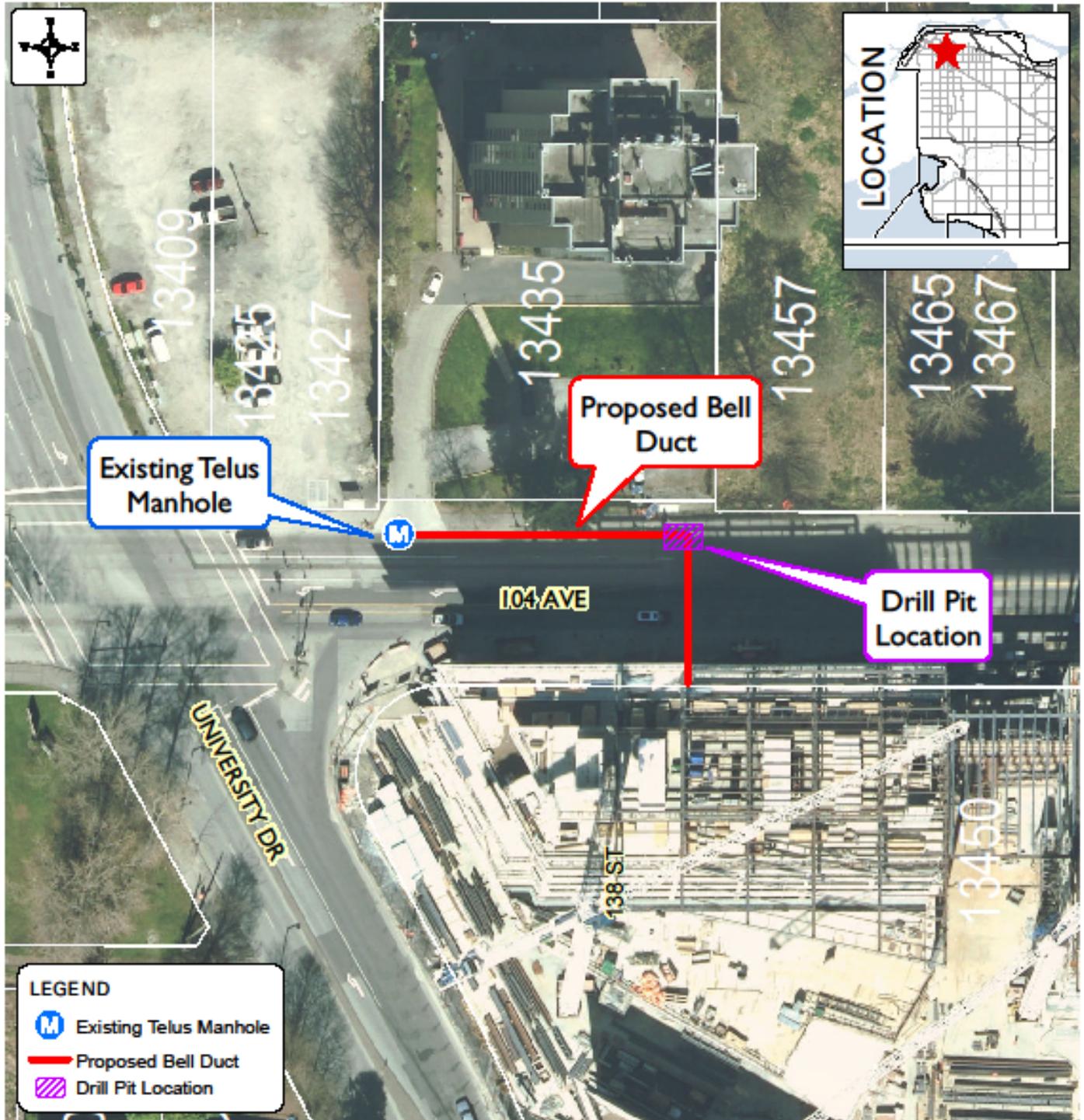
Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a license agreement with Bell Canada ("Bell") that will act to grant Bell a non-exclusive right to install, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure for a 10-year period within the 104 Avenue road allowance east of University Drive as illustrated on the aerial photograph attached to this report as Appendix I.

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Appendix I - Aerial Photograph of the Location of Proposed Bell Works on 104 Avenue

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



LEGEND

-  Existing Telus Manhole
-  Proposed Bell Duct
-  Drill Pit Location

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Date of Aerial Photography: April 2013



**LOCATION OF BELL WORKS
104 AVENUE**

**ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT**

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.
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