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Report COUNCIL DATE: July 10, 2000

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: June 29, 2000**

FROM: General Manager, Engineering **FILE: 0541-061**

SUBJECT: Lease Amendment - Rogers AT&T Inc. - South Surrey Athletic Park

RECOMMENDATION

That Council allow Rogers AT&T Inc. to enter into a licensing agreement for tower space with ECOMM on a portion of City-owned land at the South Surrey Athletic Park at

2199 - 148 Street, currently leased to Rogers AT&T Inc.

BACKGROUND

A ±871 m² portion of the South Surrey Athletic Park has been leased to Rogers AT&T Inc. since January 1991 for the operation of a ±61 metre (200 ft.) self-supporting communications tower. The lease is for a 5 year term with two 5 year renewals that are to be negotiated at then current market rates.

On October 28, 1996, March 2, 1998, February 1, 1999, and November 29, 1999, Council approved the licensing of tower space by Rogers AT&T Inc. to BC Tel Mobility, Microcell Connections Inc., Clearnet PCS Inc. and BC Rail respectively, for the installation of communications equipment on the tower.

DISCUSSION

ECOMM (Emergency Communications for Southwest B.C.) have reached agreement with Rogers AT&T Inc. to locate their antenna equipment at this location. These groups have requested that the City approve their licence as required under the lease agreement. As most municipalities are reluctant to grant any variances to construct new towers over forty feet, the various communications companies have agreed to share their sites, where possible. The Fire Department is in agreement with ECOMM co-locating on this tower. No extension to the height of the existing tower will be required.

ECOMM will be installing their 911 and post disaster communications equipment on the tower for the RCMP, BC Ambulance and other emergency service providers.

CONCLUSION

The existing lease with Rogers AT&T Inc. at the South Surrey Athletic Park provides that Rogers AT&T Inc. obtain City approval before granting licences to other communications companies to co-locate on their tower. Rogers AT&T Inc. is now requesting City approval to allow ECOMM to co-locate on their tower. No additional height will be added to the tower. This approval will allow the City to receive additional rent with minimal corresponding visual impact to area residents. It is, therefore, recommended that the City grant permission to Rogers AT&T Inc. to allow ECOMM to add their equipment to the existing communications tower at the South Surrey Athletic Park.

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Appendices

- I. Location Map
- II. Site Map
- III. Aerial Photograph of Site