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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	October 19, 2001
FROM:	Fire Chief	FILE:	0566-009
SUBJECT:	Communication Sharing Facility Agreement / City of Surrey & E-Comm		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with E-Comm for use of their facilities in Surrey (such as the Fleetwood Communications Tower, etc.) at no cost to the City.

BACKGROUND

In June 2000, the City of Surrey approved a development variance permit at 15753 Fraser Highway. The permit allowed E-Comm to construct a communication tower (Fleetwood Tower) to facilitate communications for various emergency response agencies – Police, B.C. Ambulance and possibly Fire Services. E-Comm has secured several other communications sites in Surrey on building rooftops and on existing towers.

Recognizing the City's needs and in furtherance of commitments made to the City, E-Comm has agreed to provide the City access and use of the Fleetwood Tower and any additional facilities under their control at no cost. The authorization sought in this report will allow the City to secure and formalize this arrangement.

CONCLUSION

The City's Information and Technology Division wishes to use the Fleetwood Tower for wireless data transfer to City sites in Cloverdale, making City applications run 162 times faster. This would result in a cost avoidance of ten to fifteen thousand dollars, plus the avoidance of the line rental fees for the current service. The agreements contemplated by this report will also provide many opportunities for this type of application and further cost avoidances.

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