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Subject: Request to Begin Procurement – Relocation, Connection and Repair of Utility Owned Infrastructure on an as required basis for a five (5) year period.

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Tim Kocialek, Acting Director Road Maintenance, Operations & Fleet titled: Request to Begin Procurement - Relocation, Connection and Repair of Utility Owned Infrastructure on an as required basis for a five (5) year period, be received; and,
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement to establish multi-year contracts with Bell Canada, Alectra and Enbridge to provide relocation, connection and repair of utility owned infrastructure for a five year period, on an as needed basis.

Overview:

- Prior to any capital road reconstruction, urbanization or widening, existing utilities that will be in conflict with the construction must be relocated.
- The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authorization to commence the procurement, to establish multi-year contracts, for the City's portion of the costs, associated with the relocation, connection and repair of utility owned infrastructure.
- A five (5) year multi-year contract will be established with Bell Canada, Alectra and Enbridge as these utilities are frequently required to be relocated.

- **Multi-year contracts were issued for the utility work in 2016, for a five year term and have been found to reduce the administration time required to issue individual purchase orders.**

Background:

Prior to any capital road reconstruction, urbanization or widening, existing utilities that will be in conflict with the construction must be relocated. The utility companies complete the design to relocate their infrastructure and provide an estimated cost for the City's portion of the work. A purchase order is required to be issued to the utilities before they can proceed to relocate their infrastructure.

Current Situation:

Capital Works is recommending to have a new multi-year contract with Bell Canada, Alectra and Enbridge to reduce the administrative time required to create individual purchase orders and streamline the procurement process, which will improve the efficiency of the utility relocation. A multi-year contract order was issued in 2016 for the relocation of the utilities and it was found to reduce the administration time to issue individual purchase orders.

Corporate Implications:

Purchasing Comments:

Schedule "C" of the Purchasing By-law provides "Exceptions from Competitive Procurement Processes". The Schedule identifies the following exception from a competitive procurement:

"Where there is an absence of completion for technical reasons and the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular Vendor and no alternative or substitute exists;"

Bell Canada, Alectra and Enbridge own their equipment and are the only Vendors that can perform such relocation, connection and repair.

A direct negotiation process will be conducted with Bell Canada, Alectra and Enbridge. Upon successful conclusion, purchase approval will be obtained in accordance with the Purchasing Bylaw.

Financial Comments:

Funding for the City's portion of the costs associated with the relocation, connection and repair of utility owned infrastructure is requested for Council's approval as part of the

annual capital budget. Staff has indicated that there is sufficient approved funding available within the Public Works & Engineering approved Capital Budget for currently approved capital initiatives.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report achieves the Term of Council Priorities that Brampton is a Well-Run City.

Conclusion:

This report recommends that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for the Relocation, Connection and Repair of Utility Infrastructure owned by Bell Canada, Alectra and Enbridge on an as needed basis for a five year period as described in this report.

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