



For Action with Confidential Attachment

200 Woolner Avenue – Communications Antenna License

Date: June 23, 2022
To: TTC Board
From: Chief Capital Officer

Reason for Confidential Information

This report is about a proposed or pending land acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to authorize staff to request the City of Toronto Corporate Real Estate Management to enter into a new license extending the use of the TTC's communication antenna located at 200 Woolner Avenue, Toronto, for five years. The antenna supports TTC radio communications between Transit Control Centre, surface vehicles and emergency response agencies.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Authorize staff to request the City of Toronto, Corporate Real Estate Management, to enter into a new license with Woolner Holdings Inc., (the "Owner"), on the TTC's behalf, for the use of the antenna located at 200 Woolner Avenue, on terms and conditions summarized in this report, in a form acceptable to the TTC's General Counsel; and
2. Approve the confidential recommendation attached in Confidential Attachment 1; and authorize its public release when the new license for 200 Woolner Avenue has been executed.

Implementation Points

In accordance with Corporate Policy 6.5.1 Authorization for Expenditures and Other Commitments, Paragraph 3.7.9, leasing contracts having a term over 10 years require Board approval.

Financial Summary

Funding in the 2022 approved Operating Budget for the existing lease and any additional funding required will be included in the 2023 Operating Budget request.

The financial details are included in Confidential Attachment 1.

The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial summary information.

Equity/Accessibility Matters

The TTC is committed to supporting and promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in all policies, procedures, processes, programs and services to reflect and respond to the needs of customers and employees. The license for the continued use of the communication antenna at this location is beneficial for all TTC employees and customers as it will support TTC radio communications between Transit Control Centre, surface vehicles and emergency response agencies, and does not create any barriers, disadvantages or inequities.

Decision History

There is no prior Board decision history as the existing lease had less than a 10 year term. This proposed extension extends the occupancy beyond 10 years and therefore Board approval is required.

Issue Background

The TTC antenna located on top of the building at 200 Woolner Avenue has been licensed for use for 10 years. The antenna is an integral part of the IT connectivity that links Streetcar Infrastructure's Overhead Garage (391 Alliance Avenue) to the TTC intranet via Mount Dennis Garage (121 Industry Street). It is still required as there is no line of site between the two locations and is an interim solution while the TTC establishes a fiber optic connection to the Overhead Garage.

To relocate the antenna to a different location would require significant work and investment as the TTC would need to identify a site with similar elevation/broadcast characteristics, physically move or install new equipment, and connect back to the system via leased fiber.

The current license will be expiring on November 30, 2022 and it is therefore recommended that a new license extending the use of the communication antenna for five years be entered into.

Due to changes in the municipal code in 2018, the City enters into leases/licenses on the TTC's behalf and a new license is required to be entered into by the City on behalf of the TTC to extend licensing for this additional period.

Comments

Staff recommends entering into a license on the terms and conditions summarized in the confidential attachment, as a cost effective means for the TTC to maintain uninterrupted, above-ground radio communication services.

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Attachments

Confidential Attachment 1

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