

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: August 10, 2023

Subject: TELUS Watertower Lease

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached lease agreement with TELUS Communications Inc. for use of the roof of the District water tower for communication purposes.

BACKGROUND:

During October of 2010 the District of Mackenzie administered a lease with A.B.C. Allen Business Communications Ltd. to use a portion of Lot 112, District Lot 1243, Cariboo District, Plan PGP16748 (33 Laurier Drive), to operate and maintain a wireless broadband communications tower on top of the water tower at Little Mac Ski Hill. A.B.C Communications installed a 3-foot by 3-foot communications tower on the roof of the Water Tower. The term of the lease was ten years with the District receiving a business internet connection for the duration of the lease at no charge. Since then, the District renewed the lease in 2020 for a term of 5 years. Since then, A.B.C Allen Business Communications Ltd. was purchased by TELUS.

TELUS would like to keep the existing structure and create a new lease for a term of 3 years moving month to month until the renegotiation of the lease. The annual rent will be \$2,400.00 + CPI payable on the first day of July of each year commencing on the commencement date. The provisions of the new lease remain similar to the previous lease with A.B.C. Allen Business Communications Ltd., however there were changes to the sections regarding insurance, term and rent.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Luke Thorne, Land & Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer