

**Extension of the Agreements for Voice and Data
between Toronto Public Library and Bell Canada**

Date:	December 13, 2010
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

Toronto Public Library participates in two agreements between the City of Toronto and Bell Canada for voice and data communication services. The term of the agreements ends on January 14, 2011. The City of Toronto has entered into a new agreement with Bell Canada, Integrated Telecommunications Infrastructure (ITI) Agreement, as of October 1, 2010. Under the terms of the ITI Master Agreement, Bell Canada has agreed to make the services in the Agreement available to agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs). The Library is currently in discussions with Bell Canada regarding the services, and anticipates making recommendations to the Board about participation in the ITI Agreement in 2011.

Library staff recommend extension of the current agreements with Bell Canada, for voice and data, to provide for due diligence in assessing the services offered under the ITI Agreement. Until that assessment is completed and any recommendations are approved by the Board, the Library needs to extend the current agreement, on a month-by-month basis, beyond January 14, 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommend(s) that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. extends the current agreements with Bell Canada, for voice and data, on a month-by-month basis, beyond January 14, 2011, for a term ending March 31, 2011; and
2. authorizes and directs Library staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no changes to costs for voice and data communications associated with the month-by-month extension. The recommendations have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

The approved 2010 budget for voice and data services included in the two agreements is \$1,988,971. There is no incremental cost associated with the extension of the agreements. No budget adjustments are required.

There are no future year incremental impacts associated with the extension of the agreements.

The on-going provision of voice and data communications is critical to library operations and service to the public.

The Director, Finance & Treasurer has reviewed this financial impact statement and is in agreement with it.

DECISION HISTORY

The Toronto Public Library Board approved participation in the City of Toronto and Bell Canada Large Organization Centrex Service Agreement (for voice communication) at its January 19, 2004 meeting. The Toronto Public Library Board approved participation in the City of Toronto and Bell Canada Master Telecommunications Services Agreement (for data communication) at its May 10, 2004 meeting. Both approvals were for a five-year term.

City Council, at its December 2007 meeting, granted approval to extend the City of Toronto Telecommunications Infrastructure (COTTI) voice and data contracts with Bell Canada for an additional two years, to January 14, 2011. The Toronto Public Library Board was informed of the extension at its March 23, 2009 meeting.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The City of Toronto issued a Request for Proposal in January 2009 for the acquisition of an Integrated Telecommunications Infrastructure and related services to deploy, operate and maintain the new Infrastructure. The City's Government Management Committee selected Bell as the preferred proponent following a competitive evaluation process. The Integrated Telecommunications Infrastructure Master Agreement was signed on October 1, 2010. Under the terms of the ITI Master Agreement, Bell Canada has agreed to make the services in the Agreement available to agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs).

COMMENTS

The Library is currently in discussions with Bell Canada regarding the services and their applicability to the Library, and anticipates making recommendations to the Board about participation in the ITI Agreement in 2011. Until that assessment is completed and any recommendations are approved by the Board, the Library needs to extend the current agreement, on a month-by-month basis, beyond January 14, 2011, to March 31, 2011.

The terms and conditions of the current agreements, including costs, will not change during the month-by-month extension.

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