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Extension of the Agreements between City of Toronto, Participating Entities and Bell Canada

Date:	March 23, 2009
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

Toronto Public Library participates in two agreements between the City of Toronto and Bell for voice and data communication services. The term of the agreements ended on January 14, 2009. The City of Toronto has negotiated an extension/renewal of the agreements for a renewal term ending on January 14, 2011. The extension/renewal of the agreements includes the participating entities, Toronto Public Library being one. This report informs the Board of the extension/renewal of the agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The report has no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

The budget for voice and data services included in the two agreements is \$1,827,000.

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.

COMMENTS

Since amalgamation, the Toronto Public Library has participated in the City of Toronto agreements for voice and data and has benefited from that arrangement. The benefit continues with the extension/renewal of the Bell agreements. During the renewal term, ending January 14, 2011, Bell agrees to provide all services at rates not to exceed the rates in effect as of the date of the renewal agreement.

The extension/renewal agreement also sets out the terms and conditions for reducing the data communication links without termination fees, during the term of extension/renewal agreement. These terms and conditions are important to the Library as it plans its transition to the Cogeco high speed fiber data network. That transition begins in 2009, as approved by the Board at its November 24, 2008 meeting.

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