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**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Bell Mobility Proposal - Cellular Enhancements for Killarney and Trout Lake Ice Rinks**

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## RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the Board approve a Letter of Understanding and subsequently a license agreement with Bell Mobility based on the terms identified in this report.*
- B. That, once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.*

## POLICY

The Park Board approves agreements for use of our facilities by third parties.

## BACKGROUND

Bell Mobility has been contracted by VANOC to provide enhanced cellular coverage inside the two practice rink facilities at Trout Lake and Killarney. Staff was approached with a proposal from Bell to have these enhanced features remain in the facilities after the Olympic use was over.

## DISCUSSION

At each of the rink facilities, the work will include the installation of equipment inside the electrical room, several interior antennae discreetly mounted on the walls which are the size of a household smoke detector and a small roof antenna. Our project management staff in Planning and Operations, on behalf of the rink construction project, are working with the Bell Mobility contractor on the installation details.

The purpose of the installation is to enhance cellular coverage inside the ice rink to benefit patrons making cellular calls and utilizing wireless data services such as email

and web browsing (iPhones and Blackberries etc.). The installation also enhances access to emergency services such as 911 in the event of an injury, natural disaster or other types of emergencies. This would benefit Bell Mobility customers and customers of any other carrier that has a roaming agreement with Bell Mobility.

Staff has negotiated with Bell Mobility to have the equipment remain in place for a term of up to 10 years with a return to the Park Board. The following are the terms to be included in a Letter of Understanding that will form the basis of a final license agreement to permit this use:

- Bell Mobility will install at no cost to the Park Board, telecommunications equipment necessary to enhance the cellular coverage inside each facility
- The installation will be based on drawings approved by the Park Board and done to our satisfaction
- The Park Board agrees that this equipment may remain in the facility for an initial term of 5 years with an option to renew for one additional 5 year term
- Bell Mobility will pay a fee of \$6000.00 for the first year with an increase of the greater of 3% or CPI each year after that for each facility
- Bell Mobility will maintain, repair and upgrade or replace the equipment as necessary over the term
- Bell Mobility will, at their cost, remove the equipment within 90 days after the expiry of the term
- Bell Mobility will insure/indemnify up to a limit of \$5 million per occurrence
- Standard terms related to liability acceptable to the City and the Park Board will be included in the final agreement

## **SUMMARY**

Cellular enhancements being installed by Bell Mobility for the Olympics at Trout lake and Killarney Ice Rinks are proposed to remain for a maximum of 10 years at a fee of \$6000 per year with an annual minimum 3% increase. No costs for installation, removal, repair or upgrading are attributed to the Park Board. This report recommends that the Park Board approve this agreement.

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