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STAFF REPORT: Finance & IT Services



REPORT TO: Committee of the Whole
MEETING DATE: September 8, 2014
REPORT NO.: FIT.14.57
SUBJECT: Tenders Awarded by the Tender Proposal Award Committee
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIT.14.57, "Tenders awarded by the Tender Proposal Award Committee" detailing the following award for information purposes:

1. Execution of a Four Year Contract with Bell Mobility for Wireless Services at an estimated cost of \$84,360 excluding HST.

B. Background

The County of Grey recently awarded an RFP for Wireless Services, which included the lower tier municipalities, to Bell Mobility.

Staff have completed a detailed cost analysis and determined that there will be a large savings in operating costs by moving to this new four year agreement with Bell Mobility.

Monthly operating charges for cell phones will be \$5 and \$20.25 for BlackBerrys under the new contract compared to \$20 and \$50+ respectively under the previous contract. In addition, the long distance rates will be reduced to \$0.02 per minute from \$0.08 per minute.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal 6 - Provide a strong, well-managed municipal government.

D. Environmental Impacts

Staff can now purchase refurbished devices which will reduce the impact on landfills. All Town devices that are no longer considered functional will be sent to an e-waste recycling facility.

E. Financial Impact

It is expected that the Town will realize an operational savings of approximately \$97,400 over the next four years with the new rates.

F. In Consultation With

Cathy Bailey, Manager IT

G. Attached

n/a

Respectfully submitted,

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