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TO: Chair and Directors
Comox Valley Water Committee

Supported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

R. Dyson

RE: Freedom Mobile Inc. Installation of Telecommunications Infrastructure

Purpose

To receive approval to enter into licence agreements with Freedom Mobile Inc., for the installation of telecommunications infrastructure on Comox Valley Water System (CVWS) water tower infrastructure.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT the Comox Valley Water Committee approve the Comox Valley Regional District entering into two licence agreements with Freedom Mobile Inc. for the installation and use of telecommunications infrastructure on two existing water towers located at 110 Waters Place and 3619 Lake Trail Road (one licence agreement for each water tower).

Executive Summary

In February 2018, Freedom Mobile contacted the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) about their proposed site concept for telecommunications infrastructure for the North Island. The concept includes construction of a tower on Larch Road and installation of infrastructure on two water towers that are part of the CVWS. In May 2018, Freedom Mobile presented their proposed site concept as a delegation to the Electoral Areas Service Committee, which was generally well received.

Use of the water towers require completion of separate licence agreements for each tower. Below summarizes the key points of the agreements:

- Installation of an antenna and associated infrastructure on the water tower located at 110 Waters Place and at 3619 Lake Trail Road.
- Freedom Mobile will pay to the CVRD a licence fee of \$25,000 per year for each site for a total of \$50,000 per year for the use of the water towers for the telecommunications equipment.
- The agreement will be for a five year term and will automatically extend for three terms.
- No public consultation is planned for the two antennas being installed on the existing water towers. Antenna installations are regulated by the federal government through the department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED), which when adding antennas to existing structures ISED excludes the installation from any consultation.

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