



Council report

Meeting date:	February 2, 2021
Title:	EH!tel Networks Point of Presence Building Land Lease
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Recommendation

That council receive the report “EH!tel Networks Point of Presence Building Land Lease”; and,

That council consider a bylaw to lease municipal lands to EH!tel Networks in the bylaw portion of the agenda.

Executive summary

Council requested that staff provide some options for leasing land to EH!tel Networks so that internet infrastructure can be installed in West Grey.

Background and discussion

Council may recall that in the fall of 2019, direction was given to staff to find vacant municipal land in the former town of Durham to facilitate a point of presence building for EH!tel Networks. Three locations were considered: a municipal right-of-way on Durham Street East, a municipal right-of-way west of the intersection of William Street and Hunter Street, and a location west of, and adjacent to, the Durham booster pumping station building in the vicinity of 150 John Street, at the Durham water tower. The first two locations were not selected due to concerns from neighbouring residential properties, as well as the potential need for significant tree removal. The land adjacent to the booster pumping station building was selected as it would situate the point of presence building in an industrial setting, and was the least intrusive option.

Legal and legislated requirements

Municipal Act, 2001: a municipal bylaw is required to authorize the lease agreement.



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Financial and resource implications

West Grey will charge a lease rate of \$500 per year, for term of ten years, for land to facilitate an internet point of presence building.

Staffing implications

None

Consultation

Manager of Planning
Director of Finance
Supervisor of Utilities
CAO
EH!tel Networks

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Build a better future
Goal: Invest in business
Strategy: Take a co-operative approach to development

Attachments

None

Next steps

On council direction, enter into a lease agreement with EH!tel Networks to enable an internet point of presence building to be built.

Respectfully submitted:

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