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TO: Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets

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SUBJECT: Emergency Management and Public Safety during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games - Acceptance of Funding for Temporary CCTV

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Mayor write to the Province of B.C. accepting grant funding for required infrastructure improvements and to the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit to request funding for the deployment of temporary CCTV during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Human Resources recommends approval of this Recommendation.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of this Recommendation.

COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council Policy.

PURPOSE

In order to ensure effective emergency management in key areas during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, the City of Vancouver has worked with the Province of B.C. and the Vancouver Integrated Security Unit (V2010-ISU) to obtain appropriate resources for CCTV deployment where deemed necessary.

The Province of B.C. and V2010-ISU have identified funds for the temporary deployment of CCTV, attendant infrastructure improvements and for monitoring needs.

Council is being asked to accept a grant of funds from the Province and consider requesting funds from V2010-ISU, totalling approximately \$2.6 million. Doing so will assist the City in meeting its commitment to host a safe and secure Games, whilst ensuring that the cost of temporary CCTV deployment is not directly borne by the City's taxpayers.

BACKGROUND

Provincial Funds

In October 2008 the Province of British Columbia announced the provision of a total of \$1 million in funding to the municipalities of Vancouver, Surrey and Kelowna to support the implementation of CCTV-related initiatives.

In response to this request, the City's Office of Emergency Management submitted a proposal for funds to establish a mobile CCTV system focused on public safety and event management. This system will be capable of providing rapidly deployable temporary monitoring capabilities at large public events or in response to hazards, emergencies and other unforeseen eventualities. An integral component of this bid is the provision of a Control Room located at Vancouver's Emergency Operations Centre, a seismically- resilient building. This is also important in helping the City in the long term address its disaster recovery and business resumption needs.

The Control Room will also provide the City with the infrastructure needed for the temporary monitoring of CCTV cameras during the Games period in 2010.

The total request for funds from the Province is for **\$435,161.81**. This represents the full cost of the project - including project management and contingency allocations.

Vancouver Integrated Security Unit (V2010-ISU) Funds

The Vancouver Integrated Security Unit has allocated funds for the deployment of temporary CCTV cameras in the Urban Domain during the 2010 Games period. V2010-ISU has identified the entertainment district and the Cruise Ship Terminal as key areas in need of temporary CCTV provision. In addition, the City has identified the City-run 'Live Sites' as requiring the temporary deployment of CCTV during the Games.

The V2010-ISU funds allocated for this purpose total **\$2,160,229.00**. This sum provides for the procurement and installation of cameras and for the monitoring of those cameras during the Games period.

DISCUSSION

The City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), headquartered at Vancouver's Emergency Operations Centre, will be the lead department in the procurement, deployment, management and monitoring of temporary CCTV during the Games period.

The CCTV deployment and coverage over the 2010 Games period is temporary in nature and not focused on residential areas or those areas in which members of the public 'have a reasonable expectation of privacy'. Comprehensive procedural and operational safeguards will be put into place at all times that temporary CCTV is deployed and/or monitored. In the event that security concerns necessitate the deployment, or partial deployment, of cameras in a mixed-use residential area of the entertainment district, these safeguards will ensure that the City is in strict compliance with the CCTV guidelines issued by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). In addition to this, and again in compliance with OIPC recommendations, signage will be deployed advising the public of the temporary camera deployment.

It is hoped that the Celebration of Light fireworks display in late July will provide an opportunity for an initial test of the deployment of newer technology temporary CCTV.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The provision of temporary CCTV at the Live Sites and in the Entertainment District will be fully funded with grant money from the Province of B.C. and the Vancouver Integrated Security Unit. If approved by Council, there are no financial implications for the City of Vancouver.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

The V2010-ISU funds include a component to cover the full cost of CCTV monitoring during the Games period. Staffing will be managed by the City's Office of Emergency Management and all contractors hired for the purpose of monitoring will meet all appropriate human resources, operational and security requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no environmental impact associated with this proposal.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

It is hoped that the Control Room will be equipped and operational in time for the Celebration of Light festival in late July 2009. Preparatory work on the Urban Domain and Live Sites deployment will take place later in the year with testing of the system anticipated at the end of 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Notwithstanding the temporary and restricted nature of this CCTV deployment, it is recognized that there is a level of public concern that accompanies the proposed deployment of any CCTV system. It is therefore considered important to clearly communicate the aims and objectives of this deployment.

In line with this, a public engagement process will be established which will seek to clearly outline the rationale for this initiative and provide a forum for dialog. Amongst stakeholders who will be invited to participate will be the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA), which has expressed ongoing concerns over the deployment of CCTV, and the Vancouver Public Space Network.

Although the Vancouver Police Department will not be managing the deployment or monitoring of CCTV for the 2010 Games, it is considered important to involve them in this engagement process, and senior representatives from the VPD have agreed to join in discussions.

CONCLUSION

The temporary deployment of CCTV at the Live Sites and in the Entertainment District is considered an important component in the integrated security planning for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Adoption of funding from the Province of B.C. and from V2010-ISU will help the City of Vancouver to meet its obligations as Host City without the cost of CCTV provision being placed directly upon the City's taxpayers.

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