

## Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

### 2022 Budget

#### Corporate Internet Service

#### Briefing Note required for:

- items +/- \$50,000 or more
- changes in FTE
- Council Priority requests

Dept	Division	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
FBITT	ITT	Corporate Internet Service for Municipal Locations (YR 1 of 5)	B	\$50,000	

#### Background:

Approximately 50 Municipal locations (Firehalls, Arenas, Libraries, Garages, Offices, etc.) do not have sufficient internet capacity and business service availability from existing Internet Service Providers. These locations have significant business requirements for internet connectivity, and they are increasingly relying on technology for many business processes and efficiencies. Improved internet access is required to be able to audio or video conference, share presentations, meet online, work together, conduct, and take remote training, and connect systems together for remote business functions. These municipal locations cannot successfully and reliably: communicate, work online, collaborate, or conduct their business in the interconnected environment of today.

A significant investment of over 114KM (estimated) of Fibre is needed to connect these locations to Internet Service Providers' fibre networks for the "last mile".

Once connected, investment in monthly internet services fees is required for Internet Service Providers to provide internet/network services.

Approaching this as a multi-year phase-in will provide an opportunity to report on success, adjust costs estimates, plan out a strategy with our Internet Service Provider partners, and have the capabilities to execute based upon opportunities. For example; with expansions of Fibre happening in the municipality such as SWIFT, opportunities will arise that will allow us to negotiate "last mile" connectivity, provided we have the budget to sign up for Internet services and the capital for "last mile" installations.

#### Comment:

A report will be provided to Council prior to the 2023 budget process indicating which locations have been connected, the capital cost for connectivity and the monthly internet service fees that apply. Estimates of remaining "last mile" capital investments will be provided, including any changes to municipal locations and priority for connectivity.

This base budget item is related to a Capital Request.

