
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 28th, 2004
File No.: 5520-01

To: City Manager

From: Director of Works and Utilities

Subject: **Electric Poles and Wires Removal
Highway 97 – Spall to Leckie**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the under grounding of electrical wires to allow removal of poles and wires on Highway 97 from Spall to Leckie, as outlined in the report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated May 28th, 2004;

AND THAT Council approves a budget amendment to the 2004 Financial Plan in the amount of \$120,373.74 with funding from the Electrical Accumulated Surplus Account.

DISCUSSION:

Aquila Networks Canada has aging poles and wires on Highway 97 that primarily provide backup power supply to the Orchard Park commercial area. They have planned to provide an alternative backup through another source and remove the poles and wires on Highway 97.

The City has identified the need to remove the poles and wires as part of Highway 97 frontage improvements and the ability to allow for the ultimate completion of the 3rd westbound lane on Highway 97.

Aquila is prepared to proceed with the removal of the poles and wires this year. However this triggers the need to relocate some existing overhead electrical services for various businesses along Highway 97. As part of Council's under grounding wires policy, these wires should be buried as they are in the Springfield Town Center area. Aquila will cover the full cost of the removal of the poles and wires however the cost of the relocated buried services would be that of the City. They have provided a cost of \$120,373. 74.

Funding, similar to the recently approved wire burial on Rutland Road, is available from the Electrical Accumulated Surplus Account.

John Vos

cc. Electrical Utility Manager
Financial Planning Manager