

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2011
FROM:	JEFF FIELDING, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT:	CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS EXPANSION

RECOMMENDATIONS

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager this report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PERTINENT REPORTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

1. December 14, 2010 Annual Evaluation Report
2. September 28, 2009 Annual Evaluation Report
3. September 2009 Camera Program Update
4. October 8, 2008 Annual Evaluation Report
5. January 29, 2007 Monitored Surveillance Camera Program Report
6. May 26, 2006 Annual Evaluation Report
7. March 25, 2005 Annual Evaluation Report
8. February 23, 2004 Annual Evaluation Report
9. February 19, 2004 Camera program Reduction Report

BACKGROUND

Purpose:

This report is being brought forward at the request of Council to provide information on the cost and feasibility of installing closed circuit television surveillance (CCTV) cameras on Dundas Street from Adelaide to Rectory Street.

Context:

On September 19, 2011 City Council resolved that "Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back at the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee with respect to the costs and feasibility associated with installing surveillance cameras from Adelaide Street, down Dundas Street to Rectory Street to help improve community safety". This resolution came forward after a communication submitted by Councillor Orser to enhance safety on Dundas Street.

Background:

Surveillance cameras have been installed in the downtown area of London for the last decade. The cameras form part of an overall community safety program for Downtown London. The annual operating cost to operate this program is \$130,000. Our experience with this program shows it does not necessarily affect the crime rates in the area where the cameras are located. This is consistent with findings in other jurisdictions worldwide. The main benefits of the program continue to be early detection of incidents and as an investigative tool for police in response to incidents that have occurred. Public surveillance cameras are now in many cities across the world and are used to assist law enforcement in maintaining a safe community.

In reviewing the area of Dundas Street from Adelaide Street to Rectory Street should approval be given to install cameras, it is recommended that cameras be placed at the following intersections: Dundas Street and Rectory Street; Dundas Street and English Street; Dundas Street and Elizabeth Street; and Dundas Street and Adelaide Street

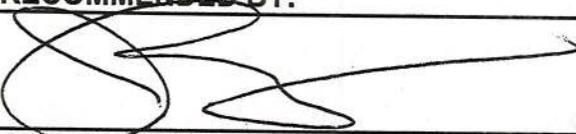
The following table outlines the two options available for installation of the surveillance cameras:

Closed Circuit Television Surveillance Camera Systems	Capital Costs	Operating Costs
Wireless System: Wireless technology has improved over the last ten years and tends to work best with a small number of cameras on the system therefore it is an option for this installation.	\$100,000	\$40,000
Fibre Optic System: This system has more capability for expansion and has been more reliable than a wireless system. The capital cost associated with this is significantly more as currently there is no fibre optic cable available on Dundas in the Adelaide to Rectory area.	\$500,000	\$35,000

The expansion of the surveillance camera program has not been included in the current budget or business plan for the Corporate Security and Emergency Management Division.

Summary:

Our experience has shown that public surveillance cameras contribute to safety through early detection of incidents and as a tool for law enforcement to assist them in investigations. The London Police Service is supportive of additional cameras on Dundas Street from Adelaide to Rectory Street.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
	
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cc: Downtown Camera Program Steering Committee
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