



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Committee of the Whole**

From: **John Kennedy, City Clerk**

Meeting Date: **September 21, 2015**

Subject: **Report CPCLK15-012**
Live Streaming of Meetings of Council

Purpose

A report to inform Committee that the meetings of council will be live streamed across the internet.

Recommendation

That Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report CPCLK15-012 dated September 21, 2015, of the City Clerk, as follows:

That report CPCLK15-012 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

The cost for streaming and archiving services is \$7,500 per year. This will be paid from the Clerk's Office accounts.

Background

Live streaming of the meetings of Council across the internet will enable members of the public to view meeting proceedings remotely. Planning Committee, Committee of the Whole, Budget Committee and Council meetings will be streamed live, recorded and archived on the City's website for access at a later date. iSi Live was selected, as the vendor, using a competitive procurement process, to provide the streaming and archiving services for two years.

Council asked staff to review the matter of streaming and archiving meeting proceedings on the City's website. Technology has greatly improved in the past few years and upgrades made to the Council Chambers, make it easier to provide this service at a better level of quality.

Video and audio signals from the high definition cameras in the Council Chambers will be converted to a format suitable for viewing across the internet on desktop computers, laptops, smart phones and tablets. Following a meeting an archived file of the proceedings will be created and stored on the city's website for viewing at any time. Closed captioning can be added to an archived file, as required, at an additional expense.

The proceedings of council meetings will continue to be broadcast on the local cable channel every third week, while both committee and Council meetings are streamed across the internet. Live streaming will commence with the Council meeting of September 28, 2015.

Submitted by,

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