ITEM MANAGER'S REPORT NO. COUNCIL MEETING 95/01/09

TO:

CITY MANAGER

1995 JANUARY 04 L34

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FROM:

**DIRECTOR FINANCE** 

SUBJECT: FROG TELECOM (B.C.) LTD.

PURPOSE: To provide information requested by Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT this report be received for information. 1.

## **REPORT**

Council, on 1994 December 19, requested information about Frog Telecom (B.C.) Ltd., located at #306 - 3701 Hastings Street. The company applied for a business licence on 1994 August 31 to conduct inbound telemarketing.

Staff have spoken with representatives of Frog Telecom (B.C.) Ltd., who have stated that adult telephone conversation represents a portion of the business' overall work, which also includes horoscope and psychic audio services known in this industry as "audiotext". Frog Telecom's customer base is located primarily in the United States.

Staff have received inquiries from persons concerned about the legality of this operation. The R.C.M.P. has reviewed this business licence application and concluded that the activities are legal.

The Licence Office has received approvals from the various departments involved in the licencing process and unless otherwise directed by Council, a business licence for Frog Telecom (B.C.) Ltd. will be issued.

DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Director Administrative & Community Services cc: O.I.C., R.C.M.P.

Director Planning & Building