

Marlborough Park Fibre installation

Request for Local Board locally driven initiatives capex funding to enable installation of fibre connection to the Marlborough Park Hall.

Background

After completing the upgrade of Marlborough Park Hall it was discovered that there is no existing phone line connection to the building. A phone line was not required when the facility was a hall for hire. Now the facility is set up for a full time operator, a line is required to enable phone and internet use in the facility and provide digital access for proposed programmes and services. Currently access to internet services is through a wireless internet connection which is very expensive. Phone access is being made through the use of mobiles.

Fibre line installation has been completed in the surrounding streets and Chorus have advised that the Centre could connect to the network that runs through Archers Rd.

With the type of fire system installed, a direct connection to the fire service is not required if a phone is available and readily accessible at all times to enable 111 calls to be made. For safety reasons a line enable a phone is therefore required to comply with the fire safety requirements of the facility.

Solution

A trench and installation of conduit pipe is required from the Centre to the Archers Rd network. Landscaping work is currently underway at Marlborough Park and this presents an opportunity for this trenching to be undertaken with minimal disruption and having contractors on site able to undertake this work would result in cost savings.

If Council could meet the cost of the trenching and conduit then the fibre line and connection would be at no cost. The building is already set up to receive internet access.

Cost

A trench and conduit pipe from the centre to the Archers Rd with remediation of the works has been costed at \$15k. This cost assumes the use of the most direct route from the building to Archers Rd and that no services will impact upon the trenching required. This figure includes a standard contingency, if existing services impact the trenching, this amount may not be sufficient and a further request for funding will be made to the Board. This funding would be allocated to the current Marlborough Park project to enable the work to be undertaken as a variation to the existing contract. This approach has been discussed with the Principal Project Manager, Parks Facilities. It would ensure that the same contractor would undertake the trenching and any site remediation required. It would also mean savings in any set up and health and safety costs.



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