

7. SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM – SYDENHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding for the purchase and installation of a security alarm system at the Sydenham Community Centre in Hutcheson Street.

A request has been received from the Sydenham Community Centre for a security alarm system to be installed at the centre in Hutcheson Street. Management representatives felt this would be a useful tool to ensure the safety of equipment at the centre, particularly since there is an extensive residential development commencing in the street shortly, that may attract undesirable activity in the area.

The number of regular users has been increasing, now totalling approximately 20. The centre is well-used both during the day and in the evenings. Each user would be issued with a different code number for the alarm system, which would enable the system to track who has entered the centre.

Three quotations were obtained by the Centre's management as follows:

1. Triton Security Services Ltd

Option 1	\$309.38 (GST inclusive)
	+ \$455/year (for 2 years) servicing
Option 2 (includes 3-year warranty)	\$827.78 (GST inclusive)
	+ \$325/year (no min. term) servicing
Smoke detectors recommended at \$84.38 each.	

2. Signature Security Systems

Option 1 – purchase outright, includes additional sensors	\$1,145.00
	+ \$405/year for 1 year min.
Option 2 – as above plus two smoke detectors	\$1,455.00
	+ \$405/year for 1 year min.
Option 3 – lease the system with additional sensors and two smoke detectors	\$534.02
	+ \$722.52/year min. 3 years

3. Cactus Security Systems

Non-monitored alarm system (incl. 3-year warranty)	\$908.19 (GST inclusive)
	+ \$45 battery

The proposals submitted by the various security firms have been evaluated by staff of the City Solutions and Property Units, who concluded that the system proposed by Cactus Security Systems (that is, a one-off payment of \$953.19, GST inclusive) would best suit the situation at the Sydenham Community Centre. A further quotation was received for a monitored system, but this was considered unnecessary and involved on-going monthly charges.

Pat Creasey of the Police's Crime Prevention Unit has studied the quotes.

The Board has a balance of \$1,211 in its 2001/02 Discretionary Funds, to be allocated at this meeting.

Recommendation: That the Board make a grant of \$953.19 from its 2001/02 Discretionary Funds to purchase a security alarm system for the Sydenham Community Centre in Hutcheson Street.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be adopted.