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1.	City Council request the Chief Information Officer to advise divisions of the impacts of inaccurate estimates for the supply of remote secure access tokens and stress the importance of providing accurate projected estimates.	X		Agree in principle at time of review. However, I&T has since successfully negotiated with RSA to allow the City to use a Provincial Government issued Product Code for the purchase of new tokens without tier pricing commitments. This will eliminate the need for the City to purchase tokens in advance of the needs of the divisions. With this arrangement, the City will procure a blanket contract with a RSA distributor to deliver tokens on an "as needed" basis. Projected requirements of tokens in advance from divisions will no longer be required.	New contract with RSA distributor - December 2011
2.	City Council request the Chief Information Officer to revise the procedures for charging back the cost of remote secure access tokens such that divisions are charged for costs incurred where estimates are significantly in excess of actual requirement.	Х		Please see comments above. The tokens will be procured and delivered on an "as needed" basis, the existing charge-back policy and procedures can continue to be used.	New contract with RSA distributor - December 2011

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3. City	Council request the Chief	Х	RSA Token Remediation Plan:
	rmation Officer to explore the		• As a pre-caution measure to the
	ons available for staff to remotely		recent cyber attack on RSA, RSA
acce	ss the City's network to ensure		has agreed to replace all tokens in
the n	nost cost-effective solution is		the City, both issued and in
impl	emented prior to December 31,		inventory, with new tokens. Users
2011	•		with tokens expiring are only
			required to pay the pro-rated
			difference for the remaining year of
			the new token. As such, the City
			will not be required to buy any
			replacement tokens until 2014.
			• In addition, I&T will be converting
			approximately 2,000 hardware
			tokens to software tokens. Software
			tokens do not have an expiration
			date thereby eliminating any lost
			incurred from the original purchase
			of the token.
			• (December 2011)
			New Tokens Procurement:
			• I&T will procure a blanket contract
			with a RSA distributor to deliver
			tokens on an "as needed" basis.
			• (December 2011)

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			 Tokens for Emergency Use I&T has also initiated the project of "on demand" tokens which can be issued and used on an emergency basis as in the case of a pandemic situation. 'On demand" token method does not require the use of either software or hardware tokens. This will eliminate the need for the City to purchase tokens in advance of any emergencies. The only requirement is the necessary license seeds to support the total number of City users using the RSA system. (1st QTR 2012)
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