

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Applus+ High Ropes Demonstration

**Prepared By:** Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations

**Department:** Public Works

**Date:** November 26, 2019

**Report Number:** PW2019-43                      **File Number:** C11PW

**Attachments:** Press Release – Applus+ Opens New Office in Municipality of Brockton

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2019-43 - Applus+ High Ropes Demonstration, prepared by Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations for information purposes and further authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with Applus+ RTDInc. regarding the limited use of the South Water Tower.

### Report:

#### Background:

Applus+ announced, through a press release on November 18, 2019, that they were going to open a new office within the Municipality of Brockton (Walkerton).

Applus+ is one of the world's leading testing, inspection, and certification sector companies that provides solutions for its customers in a number of industries, including the Energy and Nuclear Power Generation Industry. Applus+ operates in more than 70 countries and employs 20,700 people.

Applus+ will be inaugurating its new facility, within Brockton, on Thursday, November 28, 2019 starting at 1:00 p.m. The event will kick off at 1:30 p.m. with opening remarks that will be followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 p.m. They will be demonstrating non-destructive testing and inspection technologies including RTD IWEX, proprietary ultrasonic imaging technology; SCAR Radiography, Rope Access enabled inspection, and Heat Treatment Solutions.

#### Analysis:

One of the things that sets Applus+ apart from its competitors is its ability to perform High Rope Access inspections and trades related work in various locations, situations, and industries. They have successfully completed many kinds of skilled trades work, from ropes, in and around nuclear power generation facilities, wind turbines, skyscrapers, bridges, water structures, etc.

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019 and Wednesday, November 27, 2019, Applus+ will be providing a high ropes demonstration from Brockton’s (Walkerton’s) South Water Tower. This event will be video documented and Brockton will have access to the footage for future Economic Development related projects.

Staff recommend the Clerk and Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with Applus+ (who will need to supply proof of insurance and proof of WSIB coverage prior to the event for use of the Municipal Infrastructure as well).

**Sustainability Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy?       | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity?     | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity?           | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity?                 | N/A |

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?  
N/A

There are no financial impacts for the Municipality of Brockton with this report or activity

**Reviewed By:**



**Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer**

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



**Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations**

**Reviewed By:**



**Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer**