

COUNCIL REPORT

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| Service Area | Transportation & Environment Services |

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Rainbow Park Accessible Playground Site Work Tender

OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the tender submitted by Signature Landscape Ltd., for the Rainbow Park Accessible Playground Site Work project, in the amount of \$196,774.00 plus HST be accepted. Further to the base tender amount, it is recommended that a 10% contingency allowance be carried for this project in the amount of \$19,677.40 plus HST, for a total project cost of \$216,451.40 plus HST. Additionally, it is recommended that the Mayor and Common Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award the Rainbow Park Accessible Playground Site Work to the lowest compliant bidder.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

On March 25, 2019, Common Council endorsed entering into a Gift Agreement with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities for the construction of a playground at Rainbow Park. As part of the Gift Agreement, the City agreed to undertake site preparation, landscaping, site security, inspection among other responsibilities for the playground installation. Council's support for the recommendation in this report will allow the City's installation responsibilities in this Gift Agreement to be met.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The accessible playground, its location, and partnership with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities aligns with several Council priorities and corporate strategies:

- Quality recreational infrastructure in the Central Peninsula aligns with Council's priority of driving growth in this neighbourhood. Improved facilities at Rainbow Park can be a catalyst for opportunities identified in the draft Central Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan.
- The co-investment with Jumpstart as a partner contributes to Council's Valued Service Delivery priority (related to partnerships).
- The chosen location of the playground, Rainbow Park, was partly driven by Council's Fiscal Responsibility priority and subsequent commitment to Asset Management. Jumpstart's playground will replace existing playground equipment at a District Park that has reached the end of its useful life instead of adding a new playground where none existed prior. While arguably the Jumpstart Playground is more robust than what the City had previously or would have replaced on its own, the project essentially eliminates a portion of the City's current infrastructure deficit.
- Investing in a playground at Rainbow Park aligns with PlaySJ's vision of higher quality District Parks while divesting of many smaller neighbourhood playgrounds. This step demonstrates Council's commitment toward higher quality District facilities while many neighbourhoods are losing their recreational assets through implementation of PlaySJ. Staff also notes the partnership with Jumpstart aligns with PlaySJ's vision of developing community management partnerships that reduce taxpayer subsidization of recreation programs and infrastructure.
- A Master Plan for Rainbow Park was developed over ten years ago, which pointed to replacing the playground structures. The Park received some upgrades over the past ten years, but finalization of the Master Plan has been challenging within the City's current fiscal context.
- In the Fall of 2017 staff sought, and Council supported, focus around the prioritization of recreation infrastructure investment in light of significant community requests. One of Council's resolutions from the 2017 discussion included "Notwithstanding minor renewal projects at other District and Regional Parks, the Rainbow Park Master Plan shall be the priority recreation master plan to receive future investment commitments until completion of that plan". This project aligns Council's 2017 direction.
- Jumpstart places a high value on inclusiveness in its playground designs. This compliments the City's pursuit of inclusiveness such as support of our Ability Advisory Committee and design details employed in other infrastructure investments.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

\$200,000 was approved by Council in the 2019 General Fund Capital Program for the City’s participation in the construction of the Jumpstart Playground at Rainbow Park. The City’s anticipated investment in this project with the unrecoverable HST accounted for is \$250,612.80 as a result of the low tender, the recommended 10% contingency, and the project design costs. The City’s responsibilities toward the playground installation were not fully developed at the time the project estimate was identified. However, cost efficiencies associated with other planned 2019 Capital projects in Parks & Recreation will offset this overexpenditure and therefore staff are recommending award of this contract.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS – MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

A public tender call was issued on April 23, 2019 and closed on May 14, 2019. three (3) companies responded to the tender call by submitting bids. The results are as follows:

| Company | Tender Price (Excluding HST) |
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| Signature Landscape Ltd. | \$196,774.00 |
| Spectrum Enterprises Ltd. | \$197,100.00 |
| TerraEx Inc. | \$228,000.00 |

Staff of Materials Management have reviewed the tenders and have found them to be complete and formal in every regard. Staff believes that the low tenderer, Signature Landscape Ltd., has the necessary resources and expertise to perform the work, and recommend acceptance of their tender.

The above process is in accordance with the City’s Procurement Policy and Materials Management support the recommendation being put forth.

ATTACHMENTS

N.A.