AWARD OF TENDER – STREET TREE PRUNING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Public Works and the Director of Purchasing, recommends:

1.   That Tender T01-11 be awarded to Maple Hill Tree Services, at an estimated cost of $66,875.00; and,

2.   That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Background

Pruning is an integral part of maintaining the City's urban forest in a healthy and safe condition. A proper pruning program not only ensures the health of the City's trees, it creates an aesthetically pleasing streetscape, and it reduces the City's liability by removing potentially hazardous branches overhanging roadways and sidewalks.

In 2001, it is estimated that over 10,000 trees throughout the City will require pruning. Although some tree pruning is done in-house, the majority of this work is contracted out.

The tender for street tree pruning was advertised in the Daily Commercial News, the Liberal, and on the Electronic Tendering Network. A total of 9 bids were received. The following is a summary of the results:

Contractor	Total Cost (includes G.S.T.)
Maple Hill Tree Services	$66,875.00
Davey Tree Expert Company of Canda Ltd.	$80,250.00
Timberlane Tree Service Ltd.	$85,493.00
Ontario Forestry	$85,600.00
Arborvalley Urban Forestry Co. Inc.	$116,951.00
Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc.	$117,700.00
Van Dyke's Tree & Landscape Care Ltd.	$136,960.00
Kelly Tree Care Ltd.	$157,825.00
Ontario Tree Experts Inc.	$160,500.00

Maple Hill Tree Services have performed work for the Town of Oakville, the Peel District School Board, as well as the Halton Board of Education. Staff contacted the references, and as a result, they are satisfied that Maple Hill Tree Service can perform the necessary work.

Based on the tender results, it is recommended that tender T01-11 be awarded to Maple Hill Tree Services, at an estimated cost of $66,875.00

Respectfully submitted,

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G. Doris Haas
Commissioner of Community Services

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