

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 1, 2001

TENDER AWARD – T01- 116 LIFT & RE-INSTALL INTERLOCKING STONE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works, in consultation with the Executive Director of City Engineering and Public Works, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Purchasing, recommends:

1. That Tender T01-116 be awarded to Road Savers Ltd. at a contract value of \$160,564.20; and,
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Purpose

As part of the 2001 Operating Budget, a total of \$100,000.00 was approved to lift and re-install interlocking stone that has settled at various locations in the City. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to spend \$60,564.20 more than budgeted in the 2001 Operating Budget, and award Tender T01-116, the 2001 Lift and Re-install Interlocking Stone contract.

Background - Analysis and Options

Interlocking stone at intersections and along boulevards has settled at various locations in the City. The settlements are attributed to frost heave and general settling of the interlocking stones. Due to the number of locations, tenders were called for the repair of the affected areas.

The tender was advertised in the Daily Commercial News and on the Electronic Tendering Network (ETN). Tenders closed on September 7, 2001, and a total of (3) bids were submitted.

Below are the results of the bids:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid Price (including G.S.T.)</u>
Road Savers 2000 Ltd.	\$160,564.20
Sansar Contracting Ltd.	\$222,094.41
MTM Landscaping & Snow Plowing Inc.	Bid Withdrawn

The tender called for the repair of 5000 square metres of interlocking stone. As can be seen, the lowest bid represents a contract value that is over budget by \$60,564.20. Since the tender value is based a unit prices, the quantity can be reduced to reflect the approved budget. However, most of the locations to be repaired have been identified as potential safety concerns due to the difference in elevation between the interlocking stones and the surrounding curb or walkway. By awarding the contract in the full amount, all of the areas will be repaired.

Should Council decide to limit the amount of work to the budgeted amount (\$100,000), approximately 3000 square metres of interlocking stone would be repaired this year, leaving 2,000 square meters untouched. The low bidder has been contacted and will perform the work at the unit prices to the limit of 3000 square metres, should Council so decide.

Staff have checked the bids for mathematical errors, and have contacted references.

Conclusion

Funding to a limit of \$100,000.00 was approved in the 2001 Operating Budget for this work. Based on prices submitted, and the amount of work that should be completed to eliminate potential safety concerns, it is recommended that Tender T01-116 for lift and re-install interlocking stone be awarded to Road Savers Ltd., in the amount of \$160,564.20, and that staff be permitted to perform work to the full extent required (5000 square meters).

Notwithstanding that the tender results came in higher than expected, sufficient funds are available in the Public Works Operating Budget to cover this difference.

Attachments

None

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