

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 2, 2003

AWARD OF TENDER T03-045
STUMP REMOVALS AND THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks, and the Director of Parks recommends:

1. That Tender T03-045 for the stump removal, supply and planting of Trees Contract be awarded to Ontario Landscaping in the amount of \$258,512.00, including GST; and
2. That a bylaw be enacted authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek council approval to award Tender T03-045, Supply and Planting of Trees Contract.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Forestry section of the Parks Department administers the tree replacement program for the City of Vaughan owned property of streets, parks and open space. The Forestry section planted over 1000 trees in 2002 and identified trees requiring replacement for the 2003 season. The Forestry section has identified the need to replace approximately 800 trees in the 2003 season. As part of the 2003 Capital Budget, funds were requested for the continuation to contract out the supply and planting of trees.

The tree planting contract was not completed in 2002. Staff was not satisfied with the performance of the contractor. The contract was terminated and the remaining funds have been requested for inclusion in the 2003 capital budget to complete the tree replacement outstanding from the 2002 contract.

The tender was advertised in DCN and ETN on Wednesday April 23, 2003 with 10 contractors obtaining bid documents. Tenders closed on Thursday May 8th, 2003 and 3 bids were received, of which 1 was disqualified.

Below are the results of the annual amounts including G.S.T.

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID PRICES</u>
Ontario Landscaping	\$258,512.00
Hermann	\$369,989.95
Greenspace Commercial Services	non-compliant

The tender is scheduled to begin May 2003, ending December 31. 2003

Conclusion

Funding for this activity was approved in the 2003 Capital Budget for \$200,000. The remainder of this contract would be funded from 2002 Capital Budget from trees not planted and from 2003 Operating Budget for stumping. The funding is comprised of the following:

2003 Capital Budget	\$200,000 – supply/planting
2002 Capital Budget	27,865 – supply/planting
2003 Operating Budget	<u>30,647</u> – stumping and renovation
Total	\$258,512

It should be noted that 100 of the 800 trees requested in 2003 are carried over from the 2002 contract.

Based on the prices submitted, it is recommended that for Tender T03-045 for Stumping, Supply and Planting of Trees throughout the City of Vaughan be awarded to Ontario Landscaping Limited.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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