

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

OPTIONAL EXTENSION PERIOD - CONTRACT T02-127 CURB & SIDEWALK REPAIR

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Public Works, the Director of Purchasing Services, and the Director of Reserves and Investments, recommends that the option to extend the contract with VBN Paving Ltd. for a second year be exercised for the existing Curb & Sidewalk Repair Contract T02-127, with no increase to the existing unit prices, to a limit of \$350,000.00.

Purpose

To confirm the City's action in exercising the option of extending the existing Curb & Sidewalk Repair contract for a second year, until December 31st 2003.

Background - Analysis and Options

Curbs and sidewalks throughout the City are inspected annually and a list of the repair locations is established on a priority basis. Priorities are established on a range from those that create a hazard to public safety (high), to those that are related to cosmetic appearance only (low).

On June 10, 2002, Council awarded the annual Curb and Sidewalk Repair contract to VBN Paving Ltd for a period of one year with a one year optional extension period based on the City's satisfaction with the contractor's performance and the approval of funding.

The contractor, VBN Paving Ltd., performed satisfactorily in 2002 and as such, was contacted regarding the 2003 extension period. VBN Paving Ltd. committed in writing to maintain the previous unit prices for the 2003 repair program. All other terms and conditions of the contract also remained the same. The contractor had also indicated that he has the necessary staff & equipment available to perform this year's work.

A total of \$350,000 was approved in the 2003 Capital Budget for curb and sidewalk repair. The project was started in July. Although Council approved the tender award and funding in the 2003 Capital Budget, for certainty and clarity in the extension of the work, staff are bringing this matter to Committee for confirmation. The contract to VBN Paving Ltd. for the 2003 Curb and Sidewalk Repair program will be extended to a limit of \$350,000.00.

Conclusion

Council's confirmation of exercising the option of extending Contract T02-127 for a second year will formalize the one year extension provided in the original contract documents and will confirm the City's intention to continue to the end of 2003 with the contractor.

Attachments

N/A

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