

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MARCH 25, 2008**

**AWARD OF TENDER T08-023**  
**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ANNUAL FLOWERS**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Directors of Purchasing Services Department, Reserves and Investments and the Parks & Forestry Operations Department recommends:

- 1) That T08-023, Supply and Delivery of Annual Flowers be awarded to Frank Sant & Sons Greenhouses for the amount of \$107,120.18 (including G.S.T. and P.S.T.) and,
- 2) That a bylaw be enacted authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

**Economic Impact**

Funds for T08-023 Supply and Delivery of Annual Flowers were approved in the 2008 Operating Budget.

**Communications Plan**

Not applicable.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award tender T08-023 for the supply and delivery of annual flowers to Frank Sant & Sons Greenhouses.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Annual plants are predominant throughout the City of Vaughan's streetscapes as the vibrant colour of annuals compliment the landscape. The City of Vaughan's floral streetscapes has been recognized internationally in the Communities in Bloom program. In addition Vaughan's floral streetscape will be on display when we host the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Conference.

Notwithstanding that the number of flower beds have increased over the past two years, the value of this contract is in line with previous years. This is in part due to less annuals required in our designs due to the increase of perennials. For the past two years, City of Vaughan staff have been propagating and dividing our perennials, therefore reducing our reliance on annuals.

This tender was advertised in the Vaughan Citizen, the Bidingo and the Invitational. Two (2) bid documents were issued and one (1) document was received on closing date February 22, 2008.

The results of the bidding including G.S.T. and P.S.T. are as follows:

<b><u>Supplier</u></b>	<b><u>Bid</u></b>
Frank Sant and Sons Greenhouses	A) \$36,849.87
	B) \$70,271.31

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

The Supply and Delivery of Annual Flowers is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2020 by providing Service Excellence through Enhancing and Ensuring Community Safety, Health and Wellness.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

### **Regional Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Parks and Forestry Operations and Purchasing Services Department staff members have reviewed the bid submissions and have determined that the bid supplier, Frank Sant & Sons Greenhouses is deemed to meet the requirements of the contract. The bid is within the approved budget. The Supply and Delivery of Annual Flowers will commence May, 2008.

### **Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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