

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 5, 2008

AWARD OF TENDER T08-036 BOULEVARD AND TURF MAINTENANCE

Recommendation

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

- 1) That Award of Tender T08-036 for boulevard and turf maintenance within the City of Vaughan, Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be awarded to Sunshine Grounds Care based on an estimated area of 204.3 hectares, for a total annual cost of \$922,946 (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 T08-36 Boulevard and Turf Maintenance were approved in the 2008 Operating Budget in the amount of \$675,895. The York Region's contribution for their portion of the contract is \$300,000 for a total of \$975,895.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to award Tender No. T08-036 for Boulevard and Turf Maintenance within the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Parks Division has tendered the annual turf and shrub maintenance and debris clean up of both City owned and Region of York owned boulevards within the City of Vaughan for the past five years.

Of the 204.30 hectares of boulevard that are maintained approximately 45% is Region of York boulevard and the cost is recoverable annually from the Region. It is expected that the annual cost of this tender may increase proportionally (on a per hectare basis) as new areas are developed and assumed over the term of the contract. The final yearly costs will reflect any increases in work as areas are developed. As part of the 2008 Operating Budget, funding was included for boulevard and turf maintenance for this contract

This tender was advised in the Vaughan Citizen (Classified Section), Ontario Public Buyers Association and the Bidingo (formerly called Electronic Tender Network - ETN). Tenders closed and were publicly opened on Tuesday April 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Eighteen (18) bid documents were issued and six (6) bids were received, of which two (2) were not compliant by the Purchasing Services Department.

The bid results are as follows:

VENDOR	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
Sunshine Grounds Care Caledon, Ontario	1 \$224,745.75	1 \$200,895.00	1 \$179,860.00	1 \$155,296.00	1 \$162,150.00
Springview Landscaping & Snowplowing Ltd. Woodbridge, Ontario	2 \$241,354.08	4 \$264,772.80	3 \$228,031.20	4 \$196,888.32	2 \$167,508.00
Pine Valley Enterprise Inc. Concord, Ontario	3 \$294,582.00	3 \$263,320.00	2 \$226,780.00	3 \$195,808.00	4 \$204,450.00
Lima's Gardens & Construction Inc. North York, Ontario	4 \$420,541.20	5 \$375,912.00	4 \$269,790.00	2 \$181,696.32	3 \$189,715.50
891511 Ontario Limited o/a Erin Mills Gardening & Landscaping Mississauga, Ontario		2 \$245,160.00			
GTA Grounds Care Ltd. Toronto, Ontario				5 \$401,744.00	

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- **STRATEGIC GOAL:**
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness - To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

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

Regional Implications

The City of Vaughan maintains debris, turf and shrubbery on Regional boulevards and pays for this service. Not providing this service would be a negative impact on the Region and the City of Vaughan.

Conclusion

Parks Operations staff has reviewed the bid submissions and have determined that the bid supplier Sunshine Grounds Care is deemed to meet the requirements of the contract. Funding for this activity has been approved as part of the 2008 Budget process and is shown in the 2008 Parks Department Operating Budget

Attachments

None

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