

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JANUARY 17, 2005

AWARD OF TENDER T04-206 BOULEVARD AND TURF MAINTENANCE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Purchasing, recommends:

1. That award of tender T04-206, for boulevard and turf maintenance within the City of Vaughan, Area 1 be awarded to Springview Landscaping and Snow Plowing Ltd. based on an estimated area of 40.37 hectares, for a total annual cost of \$100,925.00, plus GST; and,
2. That Areas 2, 3, 4, & 5 be awarded to Lima Gardens and Construction Inc. based on an estimated area of 121.48 hectares, for a total annual cost of \$335,284.80, plus GST; and,
3. 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 award tender T04-206 for boulevard and turf maintenance within the City of Vaughan.

Background

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 3 years. The contract expires December 31st, 2004. Typically, contractors must reserve equipment early in the year for upcoming contracts and begin their hiring early for this seasonal work.

Staff have submitted funding for this project in the 2005 Parks Department Operating Budget. Staff are requesting that this tender be awarded to ensure that the price, equipment and manpower are available to the City for the spring of 2005.

In order to benefit from this early reservation of equipment and personnel for the upcoming season it is recommended that this contract be awarded. Prices submitted already reflect the benefit of tendering early in that they are lower than the tendered price per hectare of a similar contract let 3 years earlier. The contract commences April 1st and ends December 31st of each year of the contract.

Of the 161.85 hectares of boulevard that are maintained approximately 43% is Region of York boulevard. This cost is recovered 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 cost will reflect any increases in work as areas are developed. As part of the 2005 Operating Budget, funding was included for boulevard and turf maintenance for this contract.

This tender was advertised in the Vaughan Citizen and the Electronic Tender Network (ETN). Tenders closed and were publicly opened on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 3:30pm. Eight (8) bid documents were issued and five (5) bids were received, of which three (3) were non-compliant.

The bid results are as follows:

	Area Hectares	Lima Gardens	Springview Landscaping
Area 1	40.37	\$111,421.20+GST	\$100,925.00+GST
Area 2	28.03	\$ 77,362.80+GST	\$ 78,484.00+GST
Area 3	33.82	\$ 92,322.00+GST	\$ 93,660.00+GST
Area 4	28.82	\$ 79,543.20+GST	\$ 80,696.00+GST
Area 5	31.18	\$ 86,056.80+GST	\$ 93,540.00+GST

Total cost of contract as recommended is \$436,209.80, plus GST, for the first year. The second year of the contract will be as above *except* that any new areas will be added at the rates listed in the bids.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision

This report relates to Vaughan Vision 1.0 Service Delivery Excellence to “develop, provide and measure effective and efficient delivery of services that are affordable, and sustainable within allocated resources”.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated in the 2005 Parks Operating Budget.

Conclusion

Parks Division staff have reviewed the bid submissions and it was determined that Springview Landscaping and Snow Plowing Ltd. for Area 1 based on an estimated area of 40.37 hectares at a total annual cost of \$100,925.00, plus G.S.T and Lima Gardens and Construction Inc. for Areas 2, 3, 4, & 5 based on an estimated area of 121.48 hectares at a total annual cost of \$335,284.80, plus G.S.T. meet the requirements as stipulated in the tender and therefore recommended for the contract.

Funding for this activity has been submitted in the 2005 Parks Department Operating Budget. This tender requires early approval to ensure that the price, equipment and manpower are available to the City for spring 2005.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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