

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 10, 2011

AWARD OF TENDER T11-121 BOULEVARD AND TURF MAINTENANCE ALL WARDS

Recommendation

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

1. The Award of Tender T11-121 for Boulevard and Turf Maintenance within the City of Vaughan, Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be awarded to Forest Ridge Landscaping based on an estimated area of 125.84 hectares, with a standard of 13 cuts per season, and 2 debris pick up (Spring & Fall) for a total annual cost of \$213,990.00 (including H.S.T.) and,
2. That a bylaw be enacted authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 6, Objective 6.1:

- To fully support the implementation of Green Directions at all levels of City operations by ensuring that grass clippings are mulched and left on site to improve soil fertility.

Economic Impact

Funds for the T11-121 Boulevard and Turf Maintenance were approved in the 2011 Operating Budget.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to award Tender T11-121 for Boulevard and Turf Maintenance within the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan maintains the grass cutting and debris pick up on municipal boulevards throughout Vaughan. With the exception of last year (2010), the City of Vaughan oversaw work for all boulevard maintenance including the Region of York boulevards under one contract. The Region chose to change this agreement in 2010 and will also maintain their own in 2011. The reason they provided were the costs associated with the City of Vaughan's higher level of service which was not consistent with their standards.

The boulevards within Vaughan that are not fronting private property amount to approx. 210 hectares and of that, 45% are York Region boulevards. It should also be noted that of this total, many regional boulevards are adjacent to City of Vaughan boulevards and in most cases, have higher debris accumulation. Staff have pointed out that the differences in the level of service of debris pickup and grass cutting, in combination with the scheduling of these functions, results in an inconsistent delivery of service to the residents of Vaughan.

York Region has identified the issues and has brought the municipalities together in an attempt to establish an agreement to provide a consistent level of service. Some progress has been made and regional staff are preparing a report for York Region Council to recommend a consistent service standard for grass cutting on regional boulevards within the Region. In the meantime, the Region will continue with their current contractor and make all efforts to support Vaughan standards for 2011. Staff is confident based on the ongoing discussions with the Region that we will resume the partnership in 2012.

The City of Vaughan did not have an extension on their contract and therefore issued a one year only contract for the debris pick-up and grass cutting on city boulevards in anticipation of a joint boulevard maintenance contract in 2012.

Parks and Forestry Operations and Purchasing staff met with Forest Ridge Landscaping and reviewed the equipment and staff resources dedicated to this contract and determined they met the necessary requirements of the contract. Staff also considered the low bid submitted for a fall clean-up from Beaver Window. However, due to the fact that Forest Ridge is performing all cuts plus the spring debris pick-up, it is more efficient to have them complete the fall pick-up as well.

This tender was advertised 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 April 21st, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Twelve (12) bid documents were issued and eleven (11) bids were received, of which 2 were deemed not compliant by the Purchasing Services Department. The bid results are as follows:

Area 1

1. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$4,311.25
2. Springview Landscape	\$5,828.81
3. Lima's Gardens	\$5,966.77
4. Beaver Window	\$6,035.75
5. GTA Landscaping	\$7,587.80
6. Grounds Guys	\$8,622.50
7. Erin Mills Gardening	\$8,622.50
8. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$12,071.50
9. Diamond Earthworks	N/B

Area 2

1. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$3,192.50
2. Springview Landscape	\$4,316.26
3. Diamond Earthworks	\$4,341.29
4. Lima's Gardens	\$4,418.42
5. Beaver Window	\$4,469.50
6. Grounds Guys	\$5,363.40
7. GTA Landscaping	\$5,618.80
8. Erin Mills Gardening	\$6,385.00
9. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$8,555.90

Area 3

1. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$3,645.00
2. Diamond Earthworks	\$4,956.62
3. Lima's Gardens	\$5,044.68
4. Beaver Window	\$5,103.00
5. Springview Landscape	\$5,394.60
6. GTA Landscaping	\$6,415.20
7. Grounds Guys	\$6,998.40
8. Erin Mills Gardening	\$7,581.60
9. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$10,206.00

Area 4

1. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$1,936.25
2. Diamond Earthworks	\$2,632.99
3. Beaver Window	\$2,710.75
4. Springview Landscape	\$2,865.65
5. Grounds Guys	\$3,252.90
6. GTA Landscaping	\$3,407.80
7. Lima's Gardens	\$4,244.26
8. Erin Mills Gardening	\$4,647.00
9. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$5,421.50

Area 5

1. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$2,645.00
2. Beaver Window	\$3,703.00
3. Springview Landscape	\$3,914.60
4. Grounds Guys	\$4,443.60
5. GTA Landscaping	\$4,655.20
6. Lima's Gardens	\$5,979.84
7. Erin Mills Gardening	\$7,406.00
8. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$7,406.00
9. Diamond Earthworks	N/B

Spring Debris Pick Up

1. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$6,000.00
2. Springview Landscape	\$9,500.00
3. Lima's Gardens	\$9,997.00
4. GTA Landscaping	\$12,584.00
5. Diamond Earthworks	\$14,820.00
6. Grounds Guys	\$15,000.00
7. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$32,350.00
8. Erin Mills Gardening	\$34,642.10
9. Beaver Window	N/B

Fall Debris Pick Up

1. Beaver Window	\$2,000.00
2. Forest Ridge Landscaping	\$3,500.00
3. Springview Landscape	\$7,500.00
4. Lima's Gardens	\$9,997.00
5. Grounds Guys	\$12,000.00
6. GTA Landscaping	\$12,584.00
7. Diamond Earthworks	\$17,980.00
8. Erin Mills Gardening	\$34,642.10
9. Clintar Landscape Mgt.	\$51,750.00

Area 1 Grass Cutting \$4,311.25 x 13 cuts	\$56,046.25
Area 2 Grass Cutting \$3,192.50 x 13 cuts	\$41,502.50
Area 3 Grass Cutting \$3,645.00 x 13 cuts	\$47,385.00
Area 4 Grass Cutting \$1,936.25 x 13 cuts	\$25,171.25
Area 5 Grass Cutting \$2,645.00 x 13 cuts	\$34,385.00
Spring Debris Pick Up	\$6,000.00
Fall Debris Pick Up	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$213,990.00</u>

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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 and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications.

Conclusion

Parks Operations staff has reviewed the bid submissions and have determined that the bid supplier Forest Ridge Landscaping is deemed to meet the requirements of the contract. Funding for this activity has been approved as part of the 2011 Budget process and is shown in the 2011 Parks Department Operating Budget.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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