

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 3, 2012

AWARD OF TENDER T12-144 BOULEVARD AND TURF MAINTENANCE

Recommendation

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

1. That Tender T12-144 for the Boulevard and Turf Maintenance throughout the City of Vaughan municipal boulevards be brought forward to Council on April 17, 2012 for authorization of award.

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 T12-144 Boulevard and Turf Maintenance Contract are approved in the 2012 Operating Budget.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council approval to award Tender T12-144 for Boulevard and Turf Maintenance within the City of Vaughan, municipal boulevards only.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan maintains the grass cutting and debris pick up on municipal boulevards throughout Vaughan that are not fronting private property. The Region of York maintains the grass cutting and debris pick up on Regional roads. Until 2009, the City of Vaughan administered both under one contract. However, for the past two years, the Region chose to maintain their own boulevards indicating that costs associated with the City of Vaughan's higher level of service as the reason for not continuing with one contract.

During the past year every effort was made to combine the two contracts and have a consistent level of service in Vaughan for grass cutting on Regional and Municipal boulevards. In November 2011, the Region and the City agreed on a consistent level of service, but tender was not issued because the Region wanted to negotiate the City's contract administration fee. In an effort to issue one contract, staff attempted to negotiate an acceptable contract administration fee and delayed issuing the tender to allow the Region adequate time to make a decision. Unfortunately the Region chose to go on their own, and issue their own tender in February 2012. Their decision was communicated to us in mid-February (after they issued their tender) resulting in a significant delay in our tendering process. This delay, coupled with the anticipated early growing season

this year, it is imperative that the contract to be awarded as soon as possible to avoid cutting delays.

This tender was advertised in the Vaughan Citizen (Classified Section), Ontario Public Buyers Association and the Bidding (formerly called Electronic Tender Network – ETN). Tenders are anticipated to be closed on April 3, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Additional information will be provided for this item after the bids have been reviewed and evaluated for Council's consideration at the April 17, 2012 meeting.

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

The results of T12-144 will be submitted to Council at the April 17, 2012 meeting after the received bids have been evaluated.

Attachments

None

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