

## **COUNCIL MARCH 18, 2002**

### **MOBILE BLEACHERS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks and the Director of Purchasing recommends:

That notwithstanding the Purchasing Policy, the City of Vaughan purchase TranSport Mobile Bleachers from Century Industries Inc. in the amount of \$96, 559.00 (U.S. dollars), plus taxes and tariffs.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authority to single source three mobile bleacher units from Century Industries Inc.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The development plan for the soccer complex in Vaughan Grove Park included the provision of 2,000 bleacher seats for spectators. It was not possible to provide these bleachers as the Director of Building Standards determined that twenty permanent washrooms were required to support this number of seats. As there are no funds available to construct such a large washroom complex, staff has not proceeded with the installation of any seating at that location. Small temporary bleachers have been placed at the park, but will be returned to their original location before the season begins.

In order to address the issue of permanent bleachers requiring permanent solutions, staff has researched large mobile bleachers. The only company that manufactures large mobile bleacher units that are suitable for our purposes is Century Industries Inc. They make the TransSport Mobile Bleacher System, which comes in three sizes: 180, 260 and 300 Seat Models. This system is a self-contained seating system capable of highway transport and fast set-up. The bleachers offer 10-row bleacher seating with guardrails, and are equipped with a hydraulic actuator, permitting one person set up. As they are portable, there will be no need to provide the additional permanent washrooms at Vaughan Grove Park.

There are additional benefits to these bleachers in that they can be used at sports fields and for special events across the City. The ease with which they can be moved will allow the rental of the bleachers to organizations for their events.

Staff are recommending the purchase of three units: one 300 seat, and two 260 seat models. This is based on the size of these units and the space available to accommodate them. A quote has been received from Century Industries for these three units in the amount of \$96,659.00 U.S. dollars. This does not include any taxes or tariffs. Funds are available in the Vaughan Grove Park 2000 and 2001 capital budgets.

#### **Conclusion**

The purchase of the TranSport Mobile Bleacher System will provide a new level of service for the City as well as solving a problem at Vaughan Grove Park.

#### **Attachments**

Mobile Bleacher System Illustration

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Respectfully submitted,

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