

July 11, 1996

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL SOUTH PLAYING FIELDS - T-96-10

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A) THAT the Board award the tender T-96-10 for Memorial South Playing Fields to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$385,696.00 , and further;
- B) THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

BOARD POLICY

The redevelopment of playing fields is included in the 1994-96 Capital Plan.

BACKGROUND

Memorial South Park northeast and southwest playing fields were confirmed in the list of priorities for reconstruction in the Field Users' meeting in February, 1996. Tender documents were prepared for the reconstruction by Park Board staff.

DISCUSSION

The budget for the project is \$420,000 which includes \$20,000 in staff time and \$400,000 for construction and contingencies.

Two prices were requested from bidders, one for using a special USGA sand mixture and the other an alternate for using standard river pumped sand. Bids for the USGA sand mixture on the large playing field areas were much higher, so the standard playing field sand alternate prices were reviewed.

Seven bids were received for the tender as follows

	Alternate Contract Price	Contract Price	Open Shop/ Union
J.S.Ferguson Construction Inc.	\$375,807.38	\$435,804.59	Open Shop
Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd.	\$385,696.00	\$459,000.00	Open Shop
Landscape Construction Ltd.	\$387,268.00	\$499,608.00	Open Shop
C.A.P. Ventures Ltd.	\$437,052.00	\$499,332.00	Open Shop

Cedar Crest Lands (B.C.) Ltd.	\$448,880.00	\$525,640.00	Union
Alnor Services Ltd.	\$467,752.00	\$467,752.00	Open Shop
Holland Landscapers (1990) Ltd.	\$511,435.00	\$568,435.00	Union

The low bid, J.S. Ferguson, is not recommended because they have not built playing fields before and do not provide a record of experience to complete the work. The second low bid, Wilco, has built playing fields before and meets all other specifications and accordingly, it is recommended the tender be awarded to Wilco. An earlier report dated June 27, 1996 indicated Wilco had not attended a required site meeting and the report went on to recommend the third low bid of Landesign be accepted. It has now been determined that Wilco in fact made other arrangements satisfactory to Park Board staff (as is permitted in the tender documents) regarding the site meeting. Accordingly, Wilco is the low bid meeting all specifications and it is recommended the tender be awarded to Wilco.

CONCLUSION:

The tender of Wilco Landcape Contractors Ltd. for the Memorial South Playing Fields will provide the reconstruction of two well used fields and ball diamonds within available funding as the best value for the Park Board. The tender is the lowest bid that meets the tender requirements.

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