

September 5, 1996

SUBJECT: Award of Tender T96-15

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board award the tree supply contracts as listed in this report.

BOARD POLICY:

All contracts in excess of \$50,000 must be awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Trees are an integral component of the urban landscape. The physical and psychological benefits derived from their presence offer significant improvements in the liveability of Vancouver. Trees planted on the street boulevards and medians help to increase significantly the overall urban forest.

The Street Tree Section is mandated to plant trees on these boulevards and medians. In this coming planting season, there will be about 4000 street trees planted in total. Trees are planted under our capital program in areas that are currently identified as being tree or park deficient. They are also planted under our replacement program to replace those that have died. In addition, the City Engineering Department contracts Park Board services to plant trees as part of their local improvement and commercial sidewalk replacement programs.

The Board's tree farm in Langley (leased from the GVRD) is producing about 1900 trees this fall, the remainder of the trees will be purchased from the private nursery industry.

DISCUSSION:

T96-15 was issued in July this year and copies were sent to ten different growers. Bids were received from five growers and opened at 3:00 pm on August 15. None of the bidders have unionized staff. Eligible bids were inspected by Arboriculture staff to ensure compliance with the tender. A tabulation of the award is held with the Purchasing Department. The following are the trees that were the lowest bid, and are recommended for award:

item # & species	unit price	quantity	total price
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Cannors Nursery

7 CM diameter

1	UPRIGHT MAPLE	\$ 100	40	\$4000
2	UPRIGHT HORNBEAM	\$ 100	40	\$4000
3	UPRIGHT BEECH	\$ 135	40	\$5400

6 CM

2	GLOBE MAPLE	\$ 90	100	\$9000
3	UPRIGHT MAPLE	\$ 90	100	\$9000
6	UPRIGHT HORNBEAM	\$ 90	125	\$11,250
8	CHINESE DOGWOOD	\$ 150	25	\$ 3,750
14	UPRIGHT BEECH	\$ 115	100	\$ 11,500
17	UPRIGHT BEECH 'PURPLE'	\$ 115	25	\$ 2,875
21	CHINESE TULIP TREES	\$ 80	100	\$ 8000
22	KOBUS MAGNOLIA	\$ 95	50	\$ 4,750
27	PLUMS	\$ 90	90	\$ 8,100
32	BIG LEAF SNOWBELL	\$ 150	25	\$ 3,750
33	TREE LILAC	\$ 125	50	\$ 6,250

TOTAL \$91,625

Golden Eagle Nursery

7 CM

6	EUCHLORA LINDEN	\$ 82.45	40	\$ 3,298
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6 CM

5	TRUNCATUM MAPLE	\$ 66.45	75	\$ 4,983.75
9	TURKISH FILBERT	\$ 93.12	30	\$ 2,793.60
11	WASHINGTON HAWTHORN	\$ 171.69	10	\$ 1,716.90
18	AMERICAN ASH	\$ 70.33	100	\$ 7,033.00
20	EUROPEAN ASH	\$ 93.12	100	\$ 9,312.00
23	REDBUD CRABAPPLE	\$ 70.33	150	\$10,549.50

TOTAL \$39,686.75

Reimers Nursery

6 CM

1	PAPERBARK MAPLE	\$ 105.00	100	\$ 10,500
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15	ZLOTIA BEECH	\$ 95.00	33	\$ 3,135
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TOTAL:	\$13,635
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Specimen Nursery

7 CM

5	GOLDEN LOCUST	\$ 130.00	20	\$ 2,600
4	KWANZAN CHERRY	\$ 65.00	40	\$ 2,600

6 CM

4	ARMSTRONG RED MAPLE	\$ 90.00	100	\$ 9,000
12	JAPANESE BEECH	\$ 110.00	100	\$ 11,000
24	LONDON PLANE	\$ 65.00	75	\$ 4,875
30	GOLDEN LOCUST	\$ 110.00	75	\$ 8,250

TOTAL	\$38,325
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Piroche Plants

6 CM

10	LAVALLEI HAWTHORN	\$ 195.00	30	\$ 5,850
13	ROHANII BEECH	\$ 189.00	10	\$ 1,890
16	FERNLEAF BEECH	\$ 189.00	50	\$ 9,450
25	KWANZAN CHERRY	\$ 55.00	40	\$ 2,200
26	AKEBONO CHERRY	\$ 55.00	75	\$ 4,125
31	SORBUS ARIA	\$ 185.00	40	\$ 7,400

TOTAL	\$30,915
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GRAND TOTAL	\$214,186.75
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All of the above awards are low bid meeting specification , except for the following:

item 4 in the 6 cm category      The Armstrong Maple is a substitution for the Karpick Maple. Piroche's low bid of \$ 189 per tree was considered "not good value to the Board" as per Special Conditions in the tender. Golden Eagle's low bid substitution was not a successful species in the City's experience.

item 26 in the 6 cm category      There was a tie for low bid with trees of equal quality.

item 4 in the 7 cm category      The tie was settled by a draw officiated

by the Purchasing Manager.

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