

January 21, 1998

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF 30MM
ORNAMENTAL TREES**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the contracts for the purchase of trees in the amount of 71,042.50 plus tax be awarded to low bidders as outlined in this report.

BOARD POLICY

Contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

The Arboriculture Section saves money by purchasing trees when they are small, and grows them to size at its tree farm operation on land leased from the GVRD in Langley Township. Approximately 4,000 such trees are being purchased to replace those that were recently planted in the City.

Four bids were received and opened in public at 3:00 p.m., November 17, 1997. The Acting Supervisor of Arboriculture and the Acting Purchasing Manager recommend that the Board award the following items - as per Tender T97-18.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Item Numbers (*)</u>	<u>Value</u>
Cannor Nurseries Ltd.	6, 9, 13, 19, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 40, 42, 46, 47, 48, 50, 53, 57, 59, 60	\$38,695.00
Piroche Plants Inc.	8, 20, 22, 51	\$13,250.00
Reimers Nurseries Ltd.	3, 24, 25, 37	\$5,035.00
Specimen Trees Wholesale	2, 10, 11, 12, 18, 41, 49	\$14,062.50

* Item numbers represent different tree species. Details are available in the Purchasing Managers office.

All items above are low bids or low bids meeting specifications.

No bids were received on items 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 21, 27, 36, 39, 43, 45, and 56.

Items 1, 17, 52, and 58 will not be awarded as there were no bids received for the item specified, and all substitutes offered were unacceptable.

Items 7, 13, 23, 26, 29, 35, 38, 44, 54, and 55 will not be awarded as the bids offered are not considered good value to the Board.

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