

April 30, 1998

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENTS TO RILEY PARK PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

- A) THAT the Board approve the award of the playground contract, P98-2 to Playtech Distributors Inc. to carry out playground improvements to Riley Park.**
- B) THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

BACKGROUND

The Riley Park Community Association has been involved in fund raising for improvements for accessibility in Riley Park. Senior Playground improvements have recently been completed with capital funds.

Proposed improvements to the preschool playground will be funded almost entirely by the community through various donation sources. \$98,357.00 has been raised by the Association with \$20,000.00 from the Park Board. The playground will include accessible rubber safety surface throughout, play structures, sand boxes, water spray post, benches, children's gardens and swings. All elements will be accessible to children requiring extra support needs.

DISCUSSION

Quotation proposals were sent to nine playground suppliers. Four did not bid on this proposal. One company withdrew its bid due to an error in pricing calculations. A summary of the bid prices is as follows:

Ocean Marker Sport Surfaces	\$ 86,570.00	Non Union
Playtech Distributors Inc.	\$104,765.00	Non Union
RecTec Industries/Habitat Systems Inc.	\$108,422.00	Non Union
Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd.	\$127,066.12	Non Union

Ocean Marker's proposal bid did not meet the playground equipment requirements as specified because they failed to include specific equipment detail and dimensions as requested in the quotation form. As well, this bidder's package did not comply with requested dimensions such as deck sizes related to disability requirements.

CONCLUSION

Staff and the Riley Park Community Association recommends that Playtech Distributors Ltd. be retained for this project as they are the low bidder that best meets the specification requirements.

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