

SUBJECT: HASTINGS COMMUNITY PARK - WATER SPRAY PARK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>A. <i>THAT the Board approve the award of construction contract T2000-3 to E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. for \$222,450 for the spray park development at Hastings Community Centre Park.</i></p> <p>B. <i>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.</i></p> |
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POLICY

That the Board approve contracts in excess of \$200,000.

BACKGROUND

On April 16, 1999, the Board received a report to approve in principle the concept for Hastings Community Park. The report also addressed approval to demolish the Hastings outdoor pool and to endorse the withdrawal of \$150,000 from the 'Hastings Lacrosse Box' and 'New Brighton' Parking Account funds held in trust by the Hastings Community Association (the 'Association') for the development of a Water Spray Park. These funds represent the Association's contribution to this project.

DISCUSSION

The consultant, Jonathan Losee Landscape Architect has been retained by the Park Board and has worked closely with the community to provide working drawings for the water spray park phase of the park.

The drawings have been completed and include the following: demolition of the existing bocce and one tennis court; paved surface with geysers, a wall which will send spray water in the form of mist over its 24 metre length; associated mechanical engineering for the spray park, irrigation and a concrete walkway. There will also be seating, a pathway connection to the community centre and new planting.

The four bids received are:

BIDDER	PRICE	UNION OR NON-UNION
E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd.	\$314,800	Union
Kedco Construction Ltd.	\$325,802	Non-union
Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd.	\$361,000	Non-union
Merletti Construction (1999) Ltd.	\$439,747	Union

The original construction budget was \$217,612 . The contractor, E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. and the consultant were requested to identify cost savings revisions which would not compromise the integrity of the overall design of the spray park.

In order to reduce the contract from \$314,800, the consultant in association with the community resolved to change a variety of project components such as electrical, mechanical and the overall water system to achieve a contract price of \$222,450.

The total budget for the project now is:

ITEM	PRICE
Construction contract	\$222,450
City storm and water connections	\$15,000
Consultants fees (includes GST)	\$36,050
Staff Time	\$6,500
Construction GST	\$6,582
Contingency	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$306,582

The sources of funding are:

ITEM	PRICE
The Hastings Association	\$150,000
Remainder following demo of pool and master plan from the original Hastings Park Pool Fund of \$100,000	\$50,316

Rupert Park transfer	* \$76,266
General Park Improvements '99	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$306,582

* The community permitted a transfer of capital funds remaining in the Rupert Park account when it was realized that construction of a water spray park and associated costs could not go ahead without it. The \$76,266 is money remaining from the park and golf course redevelopment from the 1994-1997 Capital Plan. The money has been left in the Rupert Park account after completion of the project and until the community agreed on how it should be used.

This report allocates an additional \$30,000 from General Park Improvements 1999.

SUMMARY

Approval by the Board of this contract award to E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. to construct a Water Spray Park at Hastings means that construction can begin immediately. The spray park will be ready for use in August as the Association had desired.

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