



Date: June 14, 2002

**TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Eric Hamber Artificial Field Upgrade**

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## RECOMMENDATION

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| <p><b>A. <i>THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for the Eric Hamber Artificial Field upgrade to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. for the amount of \$988,200.</i></b></p> <p><b>B. <i>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.</i></b></p> |
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## POLICY

Construction contracts over \$300,000 are awarded by the Board.

## BACKGROUND

The existing artificial turf at Eric Hamber (Oak Street between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup>) was installed in 1987, and is now at the end of the anticipated 12-15 year life-span (see map). The fibers are worn, the seams have come apart in places, and it needs to be replaced. In recent years there have been numerous complaints from the various user groups regarding the deteriorating condition of the artificial turf.

A consultant (Athletica Sport Inc.) was hired to assess the existing field and subsurface conditions. The consultant concluded that the existing base material and drainage system was acceptable and only the turf required replacement. The same consultant was retained to proceed with producing the terms of reference for a Request for Proposal for the replacement of the artificial turf and associated electrical, civil and irrigation works. The Request for Proposal was advertised by way of a public ad placed on May 15, 2002.

## DISCUSSION

Proposals were received from three companies: AstroTurf Surfaces Canada, Inc., Marathon Athletic Surfaces Inc. and Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. The proposals are summarized below:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Bid Price</b>	<b>Union/ Open Shop</b>
AstroTurf Surfaces Canada, Inc	\$1,162,650	Open
Marathon Athletic Surfaces Inc.	\$1,116,720	Open
Matcon Civil Constructors Inc.	\$988,200	Open

The low price of \$988,200 is within budget and the successful bidder, Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. is qualified for this project, experienced in the construction of artificial turf fields and references have been checked.

Funds for this project include \$950,000 raised from user fees and \$250,000 from the current Capital Plan. Construction is anticipated to start in early July and be completed by early to mid September.

## SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the Eric Hamber Artificial Turf Field Upgrade project be awarded to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. for a stipulated price contract of \$988,200. Funds are available for this amount.

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*Attachment: Site map*