

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016

Item 8, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 22, 2016.

**8 AWARD OF TENDER T15-425 – SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES FOR THE
CITY OF VAUGHAN
ALL WARDS**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager of Public Works and the Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, dated March 1, 2016:

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager of Public Works and the Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services and the Director of Financial Planning and Development Finance recommend:

1. That Tender T15-425 for the Supply and Planting of Trees for the City of Vaughan be awarded to Garden Grove Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$ \$560,359.30, plus applicable taxes;
2. That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$56,036 (10 percent) be approved, within which the Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations is authorized to approve amendments to the contract;
3. That the amounts of the above recommendations, including all contingency allowances, applicable taxes and administration recovery be funded from T Capital Projects RP-6700-15 Tree Planting Program-Regular, RP-6739-15 Tree Planting Program-EAB, RP-6755-15 Ice Storm Tree Replacement Strategy and RP-6762-16 Tree Planting Program-Supplementary; and
4. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Contribution to Sustainability

The award of Tender T15-425 contributes to the goals and objectives within 'Green Directions Vaughan' - the City's Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, specifically:

Goal 2: "To ensure sustainable development and redevelopment."

Objective 2.2: "To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth."

Economic Impact

The bid price for Tender T15-425, submitted by Garden Grove Landscaping Inc., was \$560,359.30. The total project costs falls within the remaining funds in Capital Projects RP-6700-15 Tree Planting Program-Regular, RP-6739-15 Tree Planting Program-EAB, RP-6755-15 Ice Storm Tree Replacement Strategy and RP-6762-16 Tree Planting Program-Supplementary.

Sufficient funding for this tender is available from remaining funds from the 2015 Capital Budget. The lowest bid price for Tender T15-111 for the Supply and Planting of Trees City Wide were lower than anticipated, which has resulted in savings that have provided sufficient funding for this tender.

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A contingency of 10 percent of the bid price has been included in the budget to account for unanticipated expenses.

The financial summary of funding availability, which includes information pertaining to corresponding report to Council for the Award of Tender T15-425 – Supply and Planting of Trees for the City of Vaughan, is as follows:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
Tree Planting Program : T15-425 Garden Grove Landscaping	
Regular RP-6700-15: EAB RP-6739-15 : Ice Storm RP-6755-15: Supplementary RP-6762-16	
Capital Project	
Capital Budget (Prior Years)	\$ 2,975,444
2016 Capital Budget	3,044,544
Total Capital Budget	6,019,988
Less: Expenses/ Commitments to Date (Including Tender T15-596): 1/29/2016	4,111,822
Current Funds Remaining From OPEN Projects	1,908,166
Costs:	
Garden Grove Landscaping -Tender Cost T15-425 - (excluding HST): \$ 560,359	\$ 560,359
Contingency Allowance (10%)	56,036
Garden Grove Landscaping T15-425	616,395
Non Refundable Portion of HST (1.76%)	10,849
Sub-Total	627,243
Administration Recovery (3%)	18,817
Total Costs	646,061
Balance Remaining	\$ 1,262,105

The balance remaining in the capital projects will be used towards the 2017 City Wide Tree Planting Strategy.

Communications Plan

Tender T15-425 is part of a multi-year strategy to replace trees lost due to regular mortality, EAB infestation and the 2013 ice storm.

In June 2015, an information report to Council outlined the 2015 City Wide Tree Planting Strategy and a corresponding communications plan. A similar communications plan, outlining the updated 2016 City Wide Tree Planting Strategy, which includes an updated list of planting locations, will be forthcoming after the approval of this report. The communications plan will ensure a consistent message is relayed to residents and also provide information on the progress of the replanting efforts that have been made to date.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to award Tender T15-425 for the Supply and Planting of Trees for the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

As part of the 2015 City Wide Tree Planting Strategy, the City awarded Tender T15-111 for the Supply and Planting of Trees for the City of Vaughan in June 2015.

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The Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations Department administers the removal of dead trees, including stumps, due to regular mortality, insect infestation, and storm damage, and also replants trees on public lands throughout the City of Vaughan.

In June 2015, as part of the 2015 City Wide Tree Planting Strategy, Council awarded Tender T15-111 for the Supply and Planting of Trees for the City of Vaughan for the planting of 3,840 trees.

The contract price of T15-111 was lower than expected. The resulting savings will be used to plant an additional 1,100 in trees in 2016 through Tender T15-425.

Purchasing Services advertised the Tender T15-425 on the City of Vaughan's Bids Opportunities Website, Ontario Public Buyers Association's Website and on Biddingo on August 18, 2015 with a closing date of September 2, 2015. One addendum was issued to respond to questions received. Six (6) bidders downloaded the bid document, and five (5) bids were received on closing. All bids were reviewed and found to be compliant.

Euro Landscape Construction & Grounds Inc. submitted the lowest bid for Tender T15-425 and was awarded the contract in September 2015; however, upon notification of award, they notified the City it would not be signing the agreement or performing the work.

The bid results for Tender T15-425 are as follows:

Contractor	Amount (Excluding HST)
Euro Landscape Construction & Grounds Inc.	\$328,077.59
Garden Grove Landscaping Inc.	\$560,359.30
TBG Landscape Inc.	\$676,233.60
Darson Contracting	\$709,411.00
Titanium Contracting Inc.	\$721,512.00

In September 2015, a report to Council recommended that Tender T15-425 be awarded to Euro Landscape Construction & Grounds Inc., the lowest bidder. Council endorsed the recommendation contained in the report; however, upon notification of award, Euro Landscape Construction & Grounds Inc. notified the City that it would not be signing agreement or performing the work. Accordingly, Staff have deposited the \$37,072.77 bid bond provided.

As a result, it is recommended that Tender T15-425 be awarded to Garden Grove Landscaping Inc. as they submitted the next lowest bid.

This report recommends that Tender T15-425 be awarded to the next lowest bidder, Garden Grove Landscaping Inc.

Relationship to the 2014-2018 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map

The recommendations contained in this report support the following Term of Council Priorities:

- Re-establish the urban tree canopy
- Invest, renew and manage infrastructure and assets
- Continue to cultivate an environmentally sustainable city

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Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Tender T15-425 is part of the City Wide Tree Planting Strategy. As the lowest bid for Tender T15-111, awarded in June 2015 was lower than anticipated, funds from the savings were available for the supply and planting of an additional 1,100 trees through Tender T15-425.

In September 2015, Tender T15-425 was awarded to Euro, the lowest bidder. However, upon notification of award, Euro notified City that it would not be signing the Agreement or performing the work. Accordingly, Staff have deposited the \$37,072.77 bid bond provided by Euro. As a result, this report recommends that Tender T15-425 be awarded to the next lowest bidder, Garden Grove Landscaping Inc., in the amount of \$560,359.30, plus applicable taxes. The total project costs falls within the remaining funds in Capital Projects RP-6700-15 Tree Planting Program-Regular, RP-6739-15 Tree Planting Program-EAB, RP-6755-15 Ice Storm Tree Replacement Strategy and RP-6762-16 Tree Planting Program-Supplementary.

Attachments

N/A

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