

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2013

Item 11, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 23, 2013.

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**AWARD OF TENDER T13-115
SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES – SPRING 2013**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the following be approved in accordance with Communication C1, from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated April 9, 2013:**
 - 1. That Item 11 on the Agenda – Award of Tender T13-115 for the Supply and Planting of Trees – Spring 2013 be withdrawn and brought back to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting in order that the tender be reissued.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of the Parks & Forestry Operations Department and the Director of the Purchasing Services Department recommends:

1. That Tender T13-115 for the Supply and Planting of Trees throughout the City of Vaughan's public lands for the spring of 2013 be brought forward to Council on April 23, 2013 for authorization of award.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 2, Objective 2.2:

- To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth by providing strategies for achieving our urban forest targets which include; planning, maintenance, species and planting recommendations.

Economic Impact

Funds for the T13-115 Supply and Planting of Trees for spring 2013 were approved in the 2013 Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,011,175.00 (\$600,462.00 Regular + \$410,713.00 EAB). In addition, funding for 945 trees to be planted this spring was previously identified and approved in the 2012 Capital Budget in the amount of \$525,000.00.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to award Tender T13-115 for the Supply and Planting of Trees for spring 2013 within the City of Vaughan on public lands.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Parks and Forestry Operations Department administers the removal of dead trees due to disease, insects or storm damage (including the stumps) and also replants trees on public lands throughout the City of Vaughan.

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Trees identified for replacement in this tender represents a total of 1845 trees. 945 of these trees were identified in 2011 for planting in 2012, and 900 trees were identified in 2012 for planting in 2013. The 2012 plantings that remain are a result of the contractor not being able to fulfill the contract obligations. The Parks and Forestry Operations Department in consultation with the Purchasing Services Department determined that the best approach to address the 2012 plantings in a timely manner would be to combine the spring 2013 plantings with the remaining 2012 plantings in the issuance of this tender.

A contract for the additional 2013 plantings will be tendered in June. Funding for this fall planting was approved previously in the 2013 Capital Budget and includes both regular replacement and EAB replacement trees.

This tender was advertised on the Ontario Public Buyers Association and the Bidingo (formerly called Electronic Tender Network - ETN) and on the City Web Page on March 14, 2013. Tenders are anticipated to be closed on March 28, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Additional information will be provided for this item after the bids have been reviewed and evaluated for Council's consideration at the April 23, 2013 Meeting.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- **STRATEGIC GOAL:**
Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to citizens.
- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery, Enhance and Ensure Community Safety and Health and Wellness – To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications.

Conclusion

The results of T13-115 will be submitted to Council at the April 23, 2013 meeting after the received bids have been evaluated.

Attachments

None.

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