

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2012

Item 22, Report No. 39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 30, 2012.

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**AWARD OF TENDER T12-155
BLOCK PRUNING**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated October 16, 2012:

Recommendation

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

1. The Award of Tender T12-155 for Block Pruning within the City of Vaughan be awarded to Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc. (Areas A & C) for 2 years at a total cost of \$99,105.52 (including HST) and W.M. Weller Tree Service (Areas B, D & E) for 2 years at a total cost of \$67,921.73 (including HST); and,
2. That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$17,000.00 (10%) be approved within which the Director of Parks and Forestry Operations is authorized to approve amendments to the contract; and,
3. That a bylaw be enacted authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the necessary documents.

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 undertake an Urban Forest Strategic Plan that will identify targets for the urban forest in the City and provide strategies for achieving it; including planning, maintenance, species and planting recommendations.

Economic Impact

Funds for the T12-155 Block Pruning Contract are approved in the 2012 Operating Budget.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to award Tender T12-155 for Block Pruning of trees within the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Parks and Forestry Operations Department maintains city-owned trees on boulevards, parks and open space throughout the City of Vaughan. Pruning is necessary to ensure that trees are not impeding pedestrian & vehicular traffic, street lighting and other utilities. In addition, regularly scheduled maintenance ensures corrective pruning and balancing of the tree canopies for the long-term safety and health of the urban forest and surrounding properties.

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Storms are becoming more common throughout the GTA which results in high winds and even tornadoes. Weak trees that have not been pruned adequately are prone to breakage during high wind storms and often lead to a hazardous situation. With regular pruning, these risks are reduced as the tree's structure is more stable to withstand damage from high winds. In addition to a pro-active maintenance program, staff also addresses trees if they pose a hazard.

This tender was advertised in Ontario Public Buyers Association, the Bidingo (formerly called Electronic Tender Network – ETN) and the City Webpage on Friday, August 10, 2012. Tenders closed and were publicly opened on Friday August 31, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Six (6) bid documents were issued and two (2) bids were received. The bid results are as follows:

Part A

1. Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc.	\$31,430.95
2. W.M. Weller Tree Service	\$31,577.11

Part B

1. W.M. Weller Tree Service	\$23,684.65
2. Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc.	\$39,928.55

Part C

1. Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc.	\$67,674.57
2. W.M. Weller Tree Service	No Bid

Part D

1. W.M. Weller Tree Service	\$7,997.42
2. Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc.	\$13,339.65

Part E

1. W.M. Weller Tree Service	\$36,239.66
2. Shady Lane Expert Tree Care Inc.	\$59,782.65

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, 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.

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Conclusion

Parks Operations staff has reviewed the bid submissions and have determined that the bid suppliers meet the requirements of the contract. Funding for this activity has been approved as part of the 2012 Parks & Forestry Operating Budget.

Attachments

None

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