



Lighting for synthetic turf fields at Cloverdale Athletic and Tamanawis Parks. These reports did not include the award for the installation at Tom Binnie Park as there were a number of unresolved issues at this site that necessitated the deferral of the construction of the synthetic field.

The synthetic turf field cover for Tom Binnie Park site is proposed to be an in-fill monofilament style system, similar to the field installed at the South Surrey Athletic Park in 2005.

## **DISCUSSION**

On May 5, 2006, under RFP #1220-30-22-06, a request to submit proposals was forwarded to potential synthetic turf suppliers and installers. The request for proposals was also posted on the City's website and on the B.C. Bid website. The bidding process followed the City's policies and procedures with respect to competitive bidding.

Proposals were received from:

- Fieldturf Inc.
- Mondo America Inc.
- Marathon Athletic Surface
- Defargo Sports Surfacing

The four proposals were evaluated, based on the following three criteria:

- Corporate performance
- Product performance
- Price

The detailed evaluation was carried out by staff and a consulting team. The prime consultant to the project is R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd., who have managed all of the City's previous synthetic turf field installations, and who have considerable expertise in the design and project management for the development of new synthetic turf fields in British Columbia. D.A. Hogan & Associates, an international company specializing in outdoor athletic specialty surfaces, was consulted on certain technical aspects of the evaluation process.

This rigorous evaluation process included reviews of company qualifications and track record, recent experience with installation of in-fill and carpet-style turf covers, overall project cost, experience and availability of specialized installation crews, proposed construction schedules, and most importantly, the technical and performance specifications of the synthetic turf products proposed to be used at the three park sites.

Although Fieldturf Inc.'s proposal for Tom Binnie Park project, at a price of \$411,936 (plus GST) was not the lowest price; it was evaluated to provide the best overall value for the City, based on the criteria outlined in the Request For Proposal No. 1220-30-22-06.

Under ITT No. 1220-20-01-06, a request to submit tenders for the civil works for three lit synthetic turf fields (including Tom Binnie Park), was issued on April 24, 2006. The ITT was sent to potential tenderers and posted on the City's website and on the B.C. Bid website. The tender process followed the City's policies and procedures with respect to competitive bidding.

Tenders were received from:

- Matcon Civil Constructors Inc.
- Wilco Landscape Contractors Inc.
- Cedar Crest Lands (B.C.) Ltd.
- JS Ferguson Construction Inc.

The ITT documents outline that the lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted and that the lowest tendered price was not the sole factor considered in the evaluation of tenders and award of the contract. The four tenders were evaluated by the staff and consulting team, based on the tenderers' and their subcontractors' qualifications and track record, recent experience with similar synthetic turf projects, overall project cost, and proposed construction schedule.

Wilco submitted the lowest bid for the civil works and lighting at Tom Binnie Park at \$1,367,770 (plus GST). It has been confirmed that they have the required resources and expertise to proceed with the construction of this field within the required timelines. As the outstanding issues at Tom Binnie have now been resolved it is now possible to proceed with the award of the construction of the civil and lighting work at Tom Binnie Park.

Legal Services has reviewed the process and is satisfied that it complies with all relevant legal requirements.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above information, it is recommended that Council approve the award of a contract to Fieldturf Inc. for the supply and installation of a synthetic turf cover, related to the construction of an synthetic turf field at Tom Binnie, with a total base value of the contract being \$411,936 (plus GST).

It is also recommended that Wilco Landscape Contactors Ltd. be awarded the Civil and Lighting Contract for the Tom Binnie Synthetic Turf Fields for a price of \$1,367,770 (plus GST). Construction is expected to start in August, with substantial completion in October 2006.

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