



Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 17, 2006**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture** FILE: **6140-20/H**
SUBJECT: **Contract Award in Council's Absence – King George Plaza at Holland Park**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that during Council's August recess, the Acting City Manager be authorized to award the Contract as outlined in this report, provided that:

1. competitive proposals are received from previously qualified general contractors;
2. the general contractor can meet the timeline for completion; and
3. the proposal is no more than 10% over the pre-proposal estimate.

DISCUSSION

The UCC Group was awarded the contract to construct the Central Plaza and Concrete Pathways at Holland Park through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in March 2006, (Corporate Report R-042). The terms and conditions of the Holland Park Redevelopment RFP allows the City to negotiate with the UCC Group to reach a mutually agreeable price for the construction of the King George Plaza. Upon receiving UCC's proposal in late July, City staff will be entering into negotiations with UCC for the possible award of the construction of the King George Plaza feature in August. If negotiations are successful, the contract with UCC must be revised to include the King George Plaza work. If staff are unable to negotiate an agreeable price for the King George Plaza construction, it will be necessary to prepare and release an RFP for this work in August. The approved budget for the King George Plaza is \$550,000.

Council will not be meeting during the month of August. Contact negotiations with UCC will probably be finalized in early August. This contract is time-sensitive due to rising construction costs and the need for favourable weather conditions for construction.

CONCLUSION

In line with previous practices established since the August recess was introduced in the mid-1990's, it is recommended that Council delegate to the Acting City Manager the authority to award the King George Plaza contract at Holland Park.

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