

Corporate Report

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FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and FILE: 6140-20/T

Culture

SUBJECT: Construction of the Tom Binnie Field House

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks Recreation and Culture Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

BACKGROUND

An artificial turf field has recently been completed at Tom Binnie Park in Whalley, and is already booked to maximum capacity for evenings and weekends for soccer and field lacrosse. Bookings are presently increasing for the after school afternoon periods, and will likely be at capacity by the spring. There are currently no public washrooms or change rooms near the field. Based on this, there is a pressing need to construct a field house, such as can be found at other locations where artificial turf fields have been built.

As part of the planning process for such a building, staff consulted with the Whalley Soccer Association to determine their needs prior to finalizing the design. As a result, that group agreed to commit \$35,000 over the next three years towards the construction of additional storage space in the building, which would allow them to store uniforms and equipment on site.

Based on input from the users and a commitment to fund a portion of the building, staff worked with consultants to develop designs and cost estimates for the construction of a building that would include washrooms, change rooms, a mechanical room and storage for sporting equipment.

DISCUSSION

A request for Proposal (RFP) process for the construction of the field house has been completed. The RFP process allows flexibility in design and construction which typically results in lower cost than is typically achieved through a tendering process.

The RFP closed on September 12th, a total of eight proposals being received. A panel of City staff and the Project Consultant reviewed the proposals as per the RFP evaluation criteria to determine best value to the City. Based on the review, the proposal from Spandrel Construction Corporation was not only the lowest cost, but was also found to have the best overall value. As the contract value was within the City Managers signing authority, a contract has been awarded and construction will commence shortly.

CONCLUSION

The construction of a field house at Tom Binnie Park will commence by mid-November with an anticipated completion at the end of March 2008. Through a competitive RFP process a price to build the field house was secured and is within available budget. Through discussions with the Whalley Soccer Association a contribution of \$35,000 will be made toward the project for the construction of additional storage space to meet their needs. Building a field house will complete the facilities required to support the artificial turf field that was completed in 2007.

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