

Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: October 17, 2007

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and FILE: 2320-20/W

Culture

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for the Replacement of Water Slide Tubes at the Newton

Wave Pool

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that Council:

- 1. Receive this report as information;
- 2. Award the contract for replacement of the Newton Wave Pool water slide tubes to White Water Industries, in the amount of \$524,640.33 (including GST and PST).

BACKGROUND

The Newton Wave Pool water slides were constructed in 1987. A small section was replaced in 1997. With age, the interior of the tubes has deteriorated after having been sanded and resurfaced several times. Staff have been advised that the slide tubes are unable to support further resurfacing. In addition, the exterior of the tubes have discoloured over time and are in need of replacement in order to reflect a clean and well-maintained facility. The 2007 Capital Budget provides funding for this project.

DISCUSSION

Parks, Recreation and Culture staff and Facilities Management staff have researched companies that could potentially supply and install a replacement slide. In Canada, White Water Industries is the only supplier of manufactured slides of this size. As per our purchasing policy, the City can sole source based on the absence of known suppliers in the market place. The original design, manufacture and installation of the water slides at the Newton Wave Pool was completed by White Water. White Water is able to secure the services of the original structural engineer to assist with the replacement project. This will result in consistency and considerable timesavings. It is staff's recommendation that awarding the contract to White Water Industries is in the best interest of the City.

The wave pool area will need to be closed for the months of January and February. Based on previous years participation levels this time period will have least impact on customers. This will allow reopening in time for March spring break; a busy and popular time for family, children and youth swimming. During the pool closure, the customer services desk, weight room and fitness classes will continue to operate.

Staff will ensure all patrons are well informed of the closure and advised of alternate swimming facilities available in Surrey.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve the award of the contract for replacement of the water slide tubes at the Newton Wave Pool at a total base amount of \$524,640.33 including GST and PST to White Water Industries.

Laurie Cavan General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture