



Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **March 25th, 2008**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **6140-20/A**
SUBJECT: **Contract Award - #1220-30-04-08 for Artificial Turf Fields at Hjorth Road Park, Newton Athletic Park and South Surrey Athletic Park**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council:

1. Award Contract No. 1220-30-04-08 for the construction of civil works related to three artificial turf fields to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$5,504,156 including 5% GST; and
2. Set the expenditure authorization for this contract at \$5,729,156 including 5% GST.

BACKGROUND

The Parks Capital Budget has funding for three new artificial turf fields to be located at Hjorth Road Park, Newton Athletic Park and South Surrey Athletic Park. A Request for Proposals (RFP) # 1220-30-04-08 was issued for civil construction works for all three projects to be constructed in 2008. The Canada British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund has funded two-thirds of the cost of constructing the Newton Athletic Field.

The Hjorth Road Park location was supported by the Parks and Community Services as the preferred location for an Artificial Turf Field in the Guildford Community in June 2007. A Public Open House was held on October 3rd, 2007 to receive community feedback on the proposed sports fields at Hjorth Road Park. Seventy-six percent (76%) of the comment forms returned following that open house supported the construction of the proposed facility at Hjorth Road Park. In December 2007 the Parks and Community Services Committee directed staff to proceed with design and construction of the artificial turf field at Hjorth Road Park. The construction of the artificial turf field was contingent

on the acquisition of property from an adjacent land owner. That acquisition was finalized in February 2008.

Both Newton Athletic Park and South Surrey Athletic Park were selected as the preferred locations in those communities after consultation with sport user groups. The Parks and Community Services Committee supported the selection of the South Surrey Athletic Park as the preferred location in December 2007. Three stakeholder meetings and two Public Open Houses were held in February 2008 to receive input from sports groups and residents about the fields in South Surrey and Newton. The South Surrey Athletic Park Public Open house was attended by 78 residents and 100% of the comment forms returned supported the proposed sports field development. The Newton Athletic Park Public Open house was attended by 7 residents and 100% of comment forms returned supported the proposed sports field development. Feedback from comment forms received at both open houses was incorporated into the final design of each project.

Detailed design drawings, specifications, and proposal documents for all three fields were prepared by the City's engineering consultants, R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd., and were included in the RFP.

DISCUSSION

The RFP for the construction of civil works for three lit synthetic turf fields (excluding the synthetic turf installation contract) was advertised on March 5th, 2008. Contractors were requested to provide unit pricing for the common elements of all three fields. The RFP was also posted on the City's website and on the B.C. Bid Website. The RFP process followed the City's policies and procedures with respect to competitive bidding.

Proposals were received from:

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

The four proposals were evaluated by the staff and the consulting team, based on the contractors and their subcontractors' qualifications and track record, recent experience with similar synthetic turf field projects, overall project costs, and proposed construction schedule.

Quality control throughout the project construction is critical, as is the construction schedule. Any delay in the civil works component of the project would result in a potential delay in the turf installation.

The Matcon Civil Constructors proposal was determined to give the best value based on the evaluation criteria. Matcon is a large civil construction company with extensive experience in the construction of artificial turf fields throughout the lower mainland and have successfully built four artificial turf fields in Surrey in recent years. The company has a proven track record of bringing similar projects to successful completion within

required timelines. The Matcon financial proposal for the construction of the three fields is the lowest of the four submitted proposals.

Awarding the three projects to one contractor will provide cost savings in contract administration on the part of the consultants and City staff.

For the above reasons, the staff and the consulting team determined that Matcon's proposal provides the best overall value, at a total price of \$5,504,156 (including GST) for the three fields.

The construction of the three fields and related works is fully funded in the current Parks Capital Budget. The off-site works at Hjorth Road Park will be funded through the Parkland Acquisition Budget.

CONCLUSION

Based on the discussion above, it is recommended that Contract No. 1220-30-04-08 for the construction of civil and related works for three artificial turf fields, being at Hjorth Road, Newton Athletic and South Surrey Athletic Parks, be awarded to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$5,504,156 plus GST.

Construction is expected to commence in late April with completion in September 2008.

A separate report will be forwarded to Council in due course related to the award of a contract for the installation of the artificial turf on these three fields.

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