



Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 7, 2008**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **6140-20/A**
SUBJECT: **Contract Award for Installation of Synthetic Turf on Three Fields**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approve the award of a contract to Fieldturf Inc. for the supply and installation of synthetic turf on each of three fields, located respectively, in South Surrey Athletic Park, in Newton Athletic Park and in Hjorth Road Park, at a total contract price of \$1,357,997.02 (plus GST).

INTENT

The intent of this report is to obtain Council approval to award a contract for the supply and installation of synthetic turf material as it relates to the construction of artificial turf fields at South Surrey Athletic Park, Newton Athletic Park and Hjorth Road Park.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Capital Budget, artificial turf fields are being constructed at three park locations, South Surrey Athletic Park, Newton Athletic Park and Hjorth Road Park.

Council has previously approved the award of the civil works component in relation to the construction of these three fields to Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. The civil works are currently being constructed. To complete the construction it is necessary to award a contract for the installation of the synthetic turf.

The City's consultants, R.F. Binnie and Associates, prepared detailed design drawings, specifications, and proposal documents for all three fields. In May 2008, under Request for Proposal (RFP) # 1220-30-17-08, a request for proposals was sent to potential synthetic turf suppliers and installers. The RFP was also posted on the B.C. Bid website and the City's Web site.

DISCUSSION

The RFP process followed the City's policies and procedures with respect to competitive bidding. Proposals were received from:

- Worldwide Turf Inc. (2 separate proposals);
- Sportexe Surfacing;
- Tapico Inc. (2 separate proposals);
- Tomko Sports Surfaces Inc. (2 separate proposals); and
- Fieldturf Inc.

Staff and the consulting team evaluated the proposals. The evaluation included cost, corporate performance and financial stability of the proponent, warranty and a technical evaluation of the proposed product. The evaluation team looked specifically for the proponent's qualifications and record of successful completion of similar projects, recent experience with similar synthetic turf projects, overall financial capacity, warranty considerations and the technical evaluation of the proposed products against the City's requirements. The technical evaluations included information relating to environmental and public health.

All eight proposals were evaluated against the City's selection criteria. After the initial evaluation, the selection committee reduced the proposals under consideration to those from Sportexe and Fieldturf. Representatives of both Sportexe and Fieldturf were given an opportunity to make presentations to the selection committee in support of their respective proposals.

Selected Proponent:

The proposal from Fieldturf, although not the lowest price, it was determined to provide the best overall value based on the evaluation criteria. Fieldturf is a large synthetic turf supply and installation company with extensive experience in synthetic turf fields throughout North America and Europe and has installed five synthetic 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 fields installed by Filedturf to date in the City of Surrey are performing well.

Cost:

Fieldturf installed the synthetic turf field in 2006 in Cloverdale Athletic Park and in Tome Binnie Park. The cost per field in their current proposal is the same as their 2006 price per field. The Fieldturf proposal is for a total price of \$1,357,997.02, for all three fields.

Budget:

There is sufficient funding in the Parks Capital Budget to fund these works. It is expected that the fields will be completed by October 2008.

CONCLUSION

Proposals from five companies for the installation of synthetic turf on fields being constructed in South Surrey Athletic Park, Newton Athletic Park and Hjorth Road Park were received and evaluated. The proposal from Fieldturf Inc. was selected as providing the best overall value to the City. On this basis, it is recommended that Council approve the award of a contract to Fieldturf Inc. for the supply and installation of synthetic turf on each of three fields located respectively, in South Surrey Athletic Park, in Newton Athletic Park and in Hjorth Road Park, in the total amount of \$1,357,997.02 (plus GST) for all three fields.

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