

CORPORATE REPORT

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: January 8, 2010

FROM: General Manager, Engineering PROJECT FILE: 2320-01

SUBJECT: Award of Contracts During February 2010

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Manager during the period from February 2, 2010 to February 22, 2010 to award Contracts M.S. 1707-013-11, M.S. 1709-003-11, M.S. 1709-017-11, M.S. 4707-312-21, M.S. 4709-001-11 and M.S. 4810-002-11, each as described in this report, subject in each case to the following criteria being satisfied:

- 1. Tenders are received through an open tender process;
- 2. The contract is awarded to the contractor submitting the lowest bid, which fully meets the contract specifications; and
- 3. The contract award is within the approved budget for the related work.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the busy schedule of Mayor and Council associated with the 2010 Winter Olympics, Council has not scheduled meetings between February 2 and March 1, 2010. Where there are longer breaks between Council meetings, Council has from time to time delegated the authority to the City Manager to award specific construction contracts subject to certain criteria being met in relation to such awards as listed in the Recommendation section of this report.

The issuance of tenders and the award of related contracts early in the year is part of a strategy to take advantage of current favorable construction pricing relative to the City's 2010 Capital Program. It is anticipated that the volume of contract work that will be generated by the senior government-funded infrastructure grants in the Region, many of which must be completed by March 2011, will impact construction pricing later in the spring and progressively through the remainder of the year. Awarding contracts in February will allow projects to commence when contractors have spare capacity, which will assist the City in obtaining better contract prices.

The tendering process for each of the following projects is expected to conclude during late January or early February, 2010, and the related contracts would typically be awarded at the mid-February Council meeting:

1. **Contract M.S. 1707-013-11** - involves construction of a pedestrian bridge over North Creek linking the Cloverdale Greenway to the Clayton Greenway. This project will enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility in this area.

- 2. **Contract M.S. 1709-003-11** involves site servicing and road upgrading for the new SPCA/City animal housing facility at 17910 Colebrook Road.
- 3. **Contract M.S. 1709-017-11** involves widening and installation of raised medians on 96 Avenue from 152 Street to 160 Street and replacement of the existing water main. These improvements represent the first of three phases of upgrading works planned for this important link which provides a connection between City Centre and the new Golden Ears Bridge.
- 4. **Contract M.S.** 4707-312-21 is the second phase in the upsizing of the Port Kells sanitary force main along Golden Ears Way from 186 Street to 190 Street. The existing force main is being affected by corrosive soils and is in need of replacement and upsizing to accommodate future growth.
- 5. **Contract M.S. 4709-001-11** involves upgrading and replacement of sanitary sewers at various locations throughout the City.
- 6. **Contract No. M.S. 4810-002-11** involves flood protection works in the Fraser River floodplain area including construction of concrete flood walls, new dykes and tie-ins to existing dykes, along the CNR tracks from the vicinity of Old Yale Road to 130 Street.

The works that are covered by each of the subject contracts will be completed no later than the end of 2010.

By delegating the authority to the City Manager to award these contracts during the first three weeks of February during which there are no scheduled meetings of Council subject to the recommended conditions, it is expected that the projects will be less costly to construct.

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