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TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: May 9, 2011**

FROM: General Manager, **FILE: 6140-20/U**
Parks, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for the Construction of a Water Playground at Unwin Park – Contract No. 1220-030-2011-009

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. Approve the award of Contract No. 1220-030-2011-009 in the amount of \$495,054.56, including HST to Cedarcrest Lands (BC) Ltd. for the construction of a water playground at Unwin Park; and
2. Set the expenditure authorization limit for Contract No. 1220-030-2011-009 at \$545,000.00 including contingency and HST.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to award a contract for the construction of a water playground at Unwin Park.

BACKGROUND

Unwin Park is located on 68th Avenue in the heart of West Newton, between 132nd Street and 134th Street. This Park is one of Surrey's oldest community-scale parks, containing outdoor sport facilities, an outdoor pool, picnic areas and a water playground. The water playground is 23 years old and at the end of its life-cycle. The City has been experiencing repeated failure of components of the water playground infrastructure.

The 2011 Capital Budget allocated funds for the replacement of the water playground at Unwin Park. Subject to Council approval of the recommendations of this report, the new water playground is expected to be completed by the end of August 2011. It will be approximately double the area of the old water playground and will have three times the number of activated-spray elements.

DISCUSSION

A Request for Proposals for the project was advertised in the local newspaper and 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.

Three proposals were submitted. One proposal was disqualified because it was not submitted within the specified timeframe. Qualified proposals were received from:

- Cedarcrest Lands (B.C.) Ltd.; and
- Strohmaier's Excavating Ltd.

The proposals were evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the RFP documents. The evaluation criteria included: the proponent's reputation with respect to prior projects with the City and others; financial capability; ability to meet the project schedule; and experience & knowledge.

The proposal received from Cedarcrest Lands (BC) Ltd. was the lowest priced submission and was determined to provide the best overall value to the City. Cedarcrest has extensive experience in the construction of similar types of facilities throughout the Lower Mainland. The company has a proven track record of bringing similar projects to successful completion within allocated budgets and required timelines.

Subject to Council approval of the recommendations of this report, construction work on the project is expected to commence in mid-May and be completed by the end of August 2011.

Funding

Funding for this project is available in the approved 2011 Capital Budget.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The construction of this project will assist in meeting the following goals of City's Sustainability Charter:

- Socio-cultural Goal #1 – *Provide a range of accessible and affordable recreation, cultural and library services that respond to the needs and interests of the City's diverse population, including children, youth, seniors, multi-cultural groups, families and those with special needs; and*
- Socio-cultural Goal #9 – *Incorporate high quality design and beauty including public art, in the public realm and the built environment.*

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council:

- Approve the award of Contract No. 1220-030-2011-009 in the amount of \$495,054.56, including HST to Cedarcrest Lands (BC) Ltd. for the construction of a water playground at Unwin Park; and
- Set the expenditure authorization limit for Contract No. 1220-030-2011-009 at \$545,000.00 including contingency and HST.

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