

DISCUSSION

Quotation Process

The team was working towards awarding the contract in July 2017. This was delayed in an attempt to encourage more bidders and to include high quality drawings and pre-tender value engineering. Quotes received so far were few due to the lack of competitive interest in the current bidding market; further, those received were 18-25% higher than pre-tender estimates. The team has been working hard to identify potential cost savings and issues to address.

New and revised quotes to be received will be evaluated and the lowest quote for each trade and necessary materials will be combined into a contract, which will then be assigned to the construction management firm to complete the project. A separate report will be forwarded to the City Manager that will recommend the award of the overall construction contract; however, to ensure that the project is completed by the fall of 2018, it is important that the delegation of authority be granted to the City Manager to award the contract in Council's absence.

In consideration of the fact that there are no regular Council meetings between July 24 and September 11, it is recommended that Council delegate authority to the City Manager until September 10, 2017 to award the contract related to the construction of the Project.

Project Schedule

Construction of the project will commence in August 2017 and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2018.

Funding

Funding for this contract is available within the approved Capital Budget.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The City recognizes the value of expanding the Surrey Museum and completing the planned Phase 2 of this learning and discovery centre. In particular, the project results will support the following Sustainability Charter 2.0 Desired Outcomes and Strategic Directions:

Inclusion

DO20: Surrey residents are proud of their community.

SD18: Celebrate and build upon what makes us proud of our community.

Built Environments and Neighbourhoods

DO 12: Retrofits and renovations are prioritized over demolition

DO 13: Buildings are healthy and energy and resource efficient.

DO15: All new buildings, public places and outdoor spaces are welcoming, safe and universally accessible.

Education and Culture

DO1: Surrey has a culture of learning, with a broad range of diverse learning opportunities available and accessible to meet the needs of all residents.

DO3: Meaningful and accessible early childhood learning opportunities are in place for children and families.

- DO7: An enviable and vibrant arts and heritage sector contributes to Surrey's citizen engagement, enrichment, economy, community livability and civic pride.
- DO8: Arts, heritage and entertainment spaces are incorporated throughout the city.
- DO9: Surrey supports and celebrates its diverse artists, cultures and community heritage through inclusive festivals, programming and events.

Health and Wellness

- DO8: Residents feel a sense of belonging and connectedness, and have opportunities for social interaction in their neighbourhoods and community.

Infrastructure

- DO5: Public art and heritage are integrated into Surrey's infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

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

- Receive this report for information; and
- Delegate authority to the City Manager until September 10, 2017 to award the contract for the construction of the Surrey Museum Expansion project, subject to the following conditions being fully met:
 - The contract being awarded to the proponent who submits the lowest quotation that fully satisfies the specifications for the related work;
 - The amount of the contract being within the approved Capital Budget; and
 - Council being informed in a timely manner of the quotations received, the results of the evaluation of the quotations, and the proponent to which the contract is awarded.

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