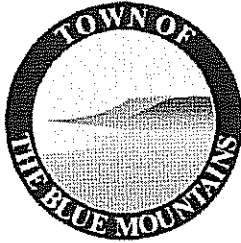


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STAFF REPORT: Recreation



REPORT TO: Council  
MEETING DATE: May 12, 2008  
REPORT NO.: DOR.08.15  
SUBJECT: Award of Tender TBM-2008-28  
Reconstruction of Blues  
Baseball Diamond and  
Resurfacing of Lennox Baseball  
Diamond  
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt, Director of  
Recreation and Sherri Adams,  
Manager of Purchasing

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council approve Staff Report DOR.08.15. "Award of Tender for Reconstruction of Blues Baseball Diamond and Resurfacing of Lennox Baseball Diamond Tender TBM-2008-28 and authorize proceeding with the award of the Tender to Harold Sutherland Construction at a cost of \$54,954.91 (excluding GST), plus an \$8,000 contingency totalling \$62,954.91, which includes the option to install approximately a 15 ft width of sod on the extension of the excavation to the same elevation of infield for transition of infield to outfield.

**B. Background**

This project was approved in the 2008 Capital Project Budget and will allow for the upgrading of two of the Town's three existing Baseball Diamonds at Moreau Park.

The Reconstruction of the Blues Baseball Diamond will include the removal of the existing grass infield and have the existing infield replaced with Athletic Field Stone Dust that is utilized on the two other diamonds at Moreau Park. Recreation Staff and the Manager of Roads and Drainage, Jim McCannell, together have developed the best design of material and reconstruction to ensure maximum drainage on the new infield.

Town Staff have received complaints over the last three years with regards to blowing infield material during the summer months at the Blues Diamond. Staff has tried to remedy this by rolling and packing the infield as well as manually raking the infield prior to games with no success. The existing infield material has lost its consistency and has become sandier, resulting in dry blowing sand during drought periods or extremely muddy fields following heavy rains. Both conditions can exist for many days cause the above noted adverse conditions.

Staff also identified significant infield to outfield lips that create a safety issue with players running while looking up and stumbling when not expecting the change in ground level and also creates issues for the judgement of ground balls. The ball often will change its course of direction and its elevation very quickly making it hard for the players to judge. The sodding option will allow for a level transition to the outfield from the infield, therefore making it easier and safer for players.

The Resurfacing of the Lennox Diamond with Athletic Field Stone Dust is required as a result of the original materials settling into the "B" Gravel base. Staff have identified that this material has settled for the past two seasons and feel confident that the resurfacing of the Lennox Diamond to remove low areas is warranted without the new material sifting into the "B" Gravel. As a result of this issue Staff has requested that full coverage of Geotextile filter cloth be used for the reconstruction of the Blues Diamond to ensure sifting of materials is limited.

The Tender TBM-2008-28 for Reconstruction of Blues Baseball Diamond and Resurfacing of Lennox Baseball Diamond was advertised on April 16, 2007. An ad for the Tender was placed in the Courier Herald and the Enterprise Bulletin. An internet ad was placed on the Town's website and on the Ontario Public Buyer's Association website. The following six companies were invited to bid on this tender and received the Tender documents:

Harold Sutherland Construction  
 Dol Turf Restoration Ltd.  
 GWT Excavating  
 George Mackey Construction  
 Arnott Construction  
 Brian Swanson

The Director of Recreation and the Manager of Purchasing held a site meeting on April 21, 2008 which was attended by representatives from Harold Sutherland Construction, Dol Turf Restoration Ltd, GWT Excavating, George Mackey Construction, and Arnott Construction.

A public opening was held on the closing date of April 30, 2008, with bid submissions received from the following two companies:

<u>Company</u>	<b>Total Amount</b> <b>(GST not incl.)</b>	<b>Option "A"</b> <b>Sodding</b> <b>(GST not incl.)</b>
Harold Sutherland Construction	\$61,954.91	\$1,000.00
Dol Turf Restoration Ltd.	\$66,281.56	\$3,000.00

Staff recommends that the Tender with Option "A" for Sodding be awarded to Harold Sutherland Construction at the tendered prices received.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

- Goal 2. Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs
- Goal 4. Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

**D. Budget Impact**

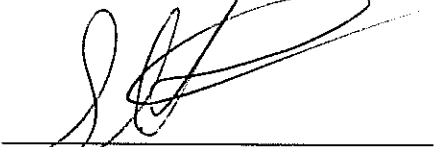
**Capital Project Funding**

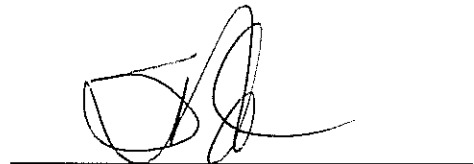
Project Budget	\$87,000.00
Tender Cost	<u>\$62,954.91</u>
Budget Savings	\$24,045.09

**E. Attached**

none

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

  
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Sherri Adams, Manager of Purchasing