

STAFF REPORT: Recreation Services



REPORT TO:	Council
MEETING DATE:	September 5, 2007
REPORT NO.:	DOR.07.41
SUBJECT:	Tomahawk Soccer Field Construction Tender TBM-2007- 24 Award
PREPARED BY:	Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation and Sherri Adams, Manager of Purchasing

A. Recommendations

THAT Council does receive Staff Report DOR.07.41, "Tomahawk Soccer Fields Construction Tender TBM-2007-24, Award of Contract", and further does approve award of the Tender to Dol Turf Restoration Ltd. at a cost of \$86,812.70 plus a \$10,000.00 contingency totalling \$96,812.70 (GST not included), it being noted that Dol Turf Restoration Ltd. was the single submission received and below the estimate of costs for this project and that this capital expenditure is included in the approved 2007 budget;

AND THAT Council does authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract documents with Dol Turf Restoration Ltd. related to the Tomahawk Soccer Fields Construction Tender TBM-2007-24.

B. Background

The Leisure Activities Plan (LAP) identifies the demand for soccer pitches in The Blue Mountains to accommodate the increasing number of participants in the soccer program. Funds were allocated in the 2007 budget to construct 3 full size soccer fields. The purchase of the Tomahawk property in May 2007 facilitated the preparation of two temporary full size fields. These fields have been in use since early June and their use will continue thru September.

The estimate for the construction of the soccer pitches was expected to be in the \$90,000.00 to \$125,000.00 range due to the reduced scope of work from the expected overall construction. The project was originally budgeted at \$300,000.00 for works thought to be required prior to purchase of this specific property. Excavation and irrigation are now not required due to the excellent drainage observed as well as the quality of topsoil on the site. The project will see only a shaping of soccer pitches rather than a complete excavation of soccer pitches and surrounding area.

Request for Tender TBM-2007-24 was issued on August 3, 2007 for the purpose of obtaining contractor services to complete three full size soccer pitches. The

proposal was advertised on the Town's website and Bid Navigator for national coverage. Tender packages were given directly to 6 local contractors and tender documents were downloaded by 13 companies on the Bid Navigator website. An optional site visit at the Tomahawk property was attended by 3 contractors, the Director of Recreation and the Manager of Purchasing on the 15th of August. The Tender closed on August 24th, with a single bid submission received from Dol Turf Restoration Ltd.

C. The Blue Mountains' Leisure Activities Plan

The Tomahawk Soccer Pitches Construction project will address Guiding Principle # 7 of the Leisure Activities Plan and components of the Action Plan # 7.15 which specifically deals with Soccer Fields.

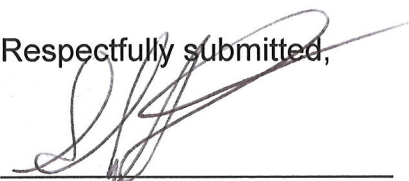
D. Budget Impact

Construction of Soccer Pitches Budget	\$300,000.00
Construction Expenditure for Soccer Pitches	<u>-\$96,812.70</u>
Balance in 2007 Soccer Pitch Construction Capital Budget remaining	\$203,187.30

E. Attached

Guiding Principle #7 (Action Plan #7.15 included) from the Leisure Activities Plan.

Respectfully submitted,


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Direction of Recreation

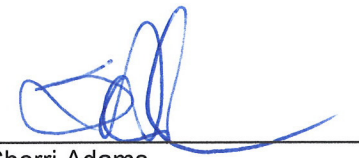

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Table 8-6b: Cost Implications for Action Plans Relating to Guiding Principle #6 (2005\$)

Action	Type	Short-Term					Medium-Term					Long-Term				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015					
6.5	Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$80,000	
Total Cost		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$80,000	

*Note: these costs assume that the staffing capacity of the Recreation Department is sufficient to handle the actions set forth in this guiding principle – if additional staff or resources are required to carry out any of these actions, further operating costs will be incurred.

Table 8-7a: Recommendations to Achieve Guiding Principle #7

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #7 – INFRASTRUCTURE: In cooperation with local partners, the Town will ensure that appropriate leisure infrastructure (e.g., facilities, parks and trails) is in place to deliver the desired range of leisure services to local residents.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- 7a) Ensure that there are a suitable number of accessible parks, sports, fitness and recreation opportunities available to meet the needs of the permanent and seasonal residents, along with visitors to the Town.
- 7b) Encourage the development of multi-purpose leisure facilities (a facility that contains several different leisure components, thereby generating economies of scale and cross-programming opportunities) offering a diverse range of programming opportunities to a range of age groups and socio-economic backgrounds.
- 7c) Provide parks that are safe and that accommodate a variety of active and passive uses, and that are integrated into an expansive trail system.
- 7d) Develop a waterfront focus for the Town that provides opportunities for leisure, community development and tourism/economic development through facilities such as beaches, waterfront trails and the Harbour.

ACTION PLANS

ACTION PLANS	Timing (years)			Priority Level	Cost Implications
	0-3	4-6	7-10		
Indoor Facilities					
7.1	Utilize all provision guidelines recommended in this Plan to determine demand for leisure facilities and annually monitor participation in activities to ensure that the provision guidelines remain relevant. (Also see Action Plan 1.5)			High	Staff Time
7.2	Upgrade the Ravenna and Craighleith Halls to meet safety and water quality standards.			High	Capital Costs with the potential for increased usage and revenues
7.3	Decommission/demolish the Heathcote Community Hall and explore alternative uses for the site, such as a parking area for canoe users accessing the Beaver River.			High / Medium	Demolition Costs & Staff Time

Section Eight: Implementation Strategy

7.13	In developing any future gymnasium space, ensure appropriately sized facilities to accommodate the needs of a broad range of user groups.	I	Medium	N/A
Outdoor Facilities				
7.14	In order to encourage increased public utilization of the Thornbury Harbour area, the Town should consider enhancing both visual and physical connections to the Harbour and Marina through linkages and improvements to existing facilities, such as the construction of a waterfront pavilion, in partnership with the Thornbury Yacht Club. The considerations identified relating to the Harbour in the CAUSE Report (1999) and the Environmental Assessment Report for the Official Plan should also be explored with appropriate partners.	I	High	Costs to be determined through further study; \$350,000 would be an appropriate initial investment (pavilion, pedestrian connection, landscaping)
7.15	To meet the demand for soccer, the construction of 4 full soccer fields are currently needed in the Town – should there be additional growth in the soccer program, additional fields may be warranted. Approximately 4 soccer fields in the Thornbury / Clarksburg area and 2 soccer fields in the Craigeith/Village area is recommended over the course of the planning period. Ensure that two of the full size soccer fields recommended in the short-term are able to be programmed as four mini fields (in total).	I	High / Medium	Capital costs (fields, clubhouse) and Operating costs (maintenance, utilities)
7.16	Build multiple soccer fields on a single site to facilitate tournaments and league play. Adequate off-street parking should be provided. It is recommended that one soccer field should be lit to increase the number of playable hours per day (allow evening usage). Addition of a clubhouse facility should be given consideration as well.	I	Low	N/A
7.17	Ensure that at least one baseball diamond, one softball diamond and one practice diamond are available to accommodate youth, adult and senior's ball within the Town.	I	Low	Capital Costs – approx. \$20,000
7.18	Upgrade the ball diamond at Heritage Corners Park so that it can accommodate more competitive games or be attractive for unstructured use.	I	Medium	Capital Costs – approx. \$25,000
7.19	Construction of a half basketball court in the Craigeith/Village area should be considered as population growth occurs.	I	Low	Capital Costs – approx. \$70,000
7.20	Monitor the demand for tennis facilities as the population grows. Depending on tennis participation trends, additional courts may be required in the Craigeith/Village area.	I	Low	N/A
7.21	The construction of a municipal golf course in the Town of The Blue Mountains is not suggested unless it is viewed as a revenue-generating venture used to off-set the cost of other facilities. (Also see Action Plan 3.4)	I	Medium	Capital Costs – approx. \$20,000
7.22	Consider improvements to the Moreau Skatepark, including the addition of trick bike elements.	I	Medium	Capital Costs – approx. \$65,000 for a new skateboard park
	Provision of a BMX / skateboard park in the Craigeith/Village area is recommended.			
	Incorporate BMX / free-style bicycling elements to any new skateboard park in the Town. (Also see Action Plan 5.5)			