

STAFF REPORT: ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: **Engineering & Public Works Committee**
MEETING DATE: **August 26, 2008**
REPORT NO.: **EPW.08.97**
SUBJECT: **Award of Tender (TBM-RD-2008-10), Sidewalk
Snow Removal and Sanding – Village Area**
PREPARED BY: **Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and
Drainage**

A. Recommendation

THAT Council approve the award of Contract TBM-RD-2008-10 to Blue Mountain Resorts Ltd. in the amount of \$45.00 per hour for the clearing and sanding of sidewalks near the Blue Mountain Village area, excluding GST for a total estimated cost of \$6,300 as outlined in Report EPW.08.97 and;

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents for Contract No. TBM-RD-2008-10.

B. Background

It is important to clear and sand the sidewalks in the area close the Blue Mountain village due to the large number of pedestrians that use them. For a number of years there has been a mutual agreement of the exchange of services between the Town and Blue Mountain Resorts (BMR) by which BMR removed the snow from the sidewalk along Jozo Weider Blvd. With the addition of more sidewalks along Jozo Weider last year and along Mountain Drive this year plus risk management concerns of BMR doing work on the Town's infrastructure, Staff felt it was in the Town's interest to tender the works and to end the informal exchange of services.

As part of the tendering process, the Town has established a maintenance standard. The following definition was included in the tender:

Snow removal, as well as clearing of snow and ice build-up on sidewalks will be undertaken whenever conditions along the route dictate or whenever directed by the Town Manager of Roads & Drainage or designate. Generally the sidewalks will be cleared once per day. If snow continues to accumulate more than 5 cm during the day than equipment may be deployed again within a 24 hour period. If the Contractor wishes to maintain a higher level of service the Town will not compensate the Contractor for additional snow clearing and sanding operations.

Sidewalks to be open before 8:00 a.m.

Submissions were received for Tender TBM-RD-2008-11 for clearing and sanding of sidewalks in the area of the Blue Mountain Village. The areas identified are:

1. Sidewalks along **Jozo Weider Blvd.** from the Blue Mountain Inn to the Conference Centre(see attached location plan)
2. Sidewalks along **Mountain Drive** from The Village to Big Baby Ski Hill (See attached location plan)
3. Other Miscellaneous Areas if/when required and as directed by the Manager of Roads

& Drainage or designate

The following table summarizes the tender prices received:

CONTRACTOR	Description	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	TOTAL Estimated Cost
Blue Mountain resorts Ltd.	Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sanding	\$45.00	140	\$6,300
	TOTAL			\$6,300
Arnett Construction	Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sanding	Declined to Bid	140	\$0
	TOTAL			\$0
Brian Dinsmore Excavation Ltd.	Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sanding	Declined to Bid	140	\$0
	TOTAL			
Mountain Cat Contracting Ltd.	Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sanding	Declined to Bid	140	\$0
	TOTAL			

Please note: Tender Prices are excluding GST, and total number of hours based on 35 days at 4 hours per snow event during the maintenance season. (140 hours)

It is recommended that Contract TBM-RD-2008-10 Snow Removal and Sanding Jozo Weider Blvd. as tendered be awarded to Blue Mountain Resorts Ltd. who had the lowest price meeting all the requirements of the contract documents.

This contract has the provision to permit the Town to extend or renew the contract for a term of up to three (3) years. No fuel index was included in this tender.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Contact TBM-RD-2008-11 addresses the Town's Strategic Plan #2, "Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs".

D. Environmental Impacts

Blue Mountain Resorts Ltd is actively trying to reduce their carbon foot print. The ski Operations are part of the National Ski Areas Association Sustainable Slopes program, the environmental charter for ski areas. In addition to this, Monterra Golf has achieved and maintained the Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary designation since 2000. It is expected that BMR will extend their efforts at reducing their carbon foot print to the snow removal work on the sidewalk.

E Budget Impact

There is sufficient funding in the 2008 Roads & Drainage Operational Budget to accommodate additional cost of clearing and sanding the sidewalks along Jozo Weider Blvd and Mountain Drive as described in Tender TBM-RD-2008-10. Works performed after January 1 2009 will be paid from the proposed 2009 Budget. The proposed 2009 Budget has \$347,500 for contract services including Snowplowing, (street, sidewalk and parking lots) street sweeping, line painting and catch basin cleaning and loading and hauling of Snow.

F. Attached

1. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

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