

Re: Baseball Backstops

The Parks and Recreation Administrator in a letter dated February 26, 1974 to the Manager advised as follows:

"Due to the approach of the baseball season, and more particularly a favourable tender from a good contractor on which there is a time limit, we are anxious to proceed with finalizing a contract with A.I.M. Steel Ltd. for work on a number of baseball backstops at a cost of \$16,293. This contract was authorized by the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 6, 1974, and would be charged to Minor Development as follows:

1973 Work Order #92212	\$12,000
1974	\$ 4,293

It may be that a comparatively small additional cost may be incurred if removable netting is added to one of the backstops for additional protection, but the need for this has not yet been determined.

As our Capital Improvement Program has not yet been approved for 1974, we request authorization for the \$4,293 expenditure."

The Purchasing Agent advises that the following tenders were received:

1. Dominion Bridge Company Limited	\$23,977
2. Tree Island Fence Company Limited	\$18,666
3. A.I.M. Steel Limited	\$16,293

The Purchasing Agent concurs with the recommendation that the lowest tender from A.I.M. Steel Limited be accepted.

There is some urgency associated with this request because baseball activities will officially commence on April 15. The lowest bidder has advised that he would be able to complete the work no later than the first part of April providing that his tender is accepted at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT a purchase order be issued to have the subject work completed by the lowest bidder, A.I.M. Steel Limited, for the tendered amount of \$16,293; and

THAT the cost be charged to the Minor Development account as noted in the body of this report.