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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 33

COUNCIL MEETING May 5/75

Re: CONTRACT #7508 - GRAVEL SUPPLY

Following is a joint report from the Municipal Engineer and the Purchasing Agent regarding tenders for the supply and transport of gravel and sand aggregates.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Contract #7508 - Gravel Supply, be awarded to J. Cewe Ltd. at the unit prices tendered for each of the respective items of material with the complete exclusion from the Contract of Item #19 - Fraser River Pump Sand.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DATE: May 2, 1975

FROM: PURCHASING AGENT

RE: CONTRACT #7508 - GRAVEL SUPPLY

Tenders for the subject materials were received up to 3:00 p.m., local time on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1975.

The work of the contract includes the supply and transport of approximately 35,000 tons of specified gravel and sand aggregates to be delivered on demand in various locations in Burnaby, from May 1, 1975 to April 30, 1976.

The termination date of this contract would be on the 30th day of April, 1976.

Five tenders were received and opened in the presence of Messrs. Sinclair, Constable, Hagen and representatives of the firms bidding.

A correct tabulation of the tenders received is attached.

The Municipal Engineer and the Purchasing Agent have examined and analyzed the two tenders received for the above contract and, after due consideration, would recommend that the second lowest bid tendered by J. Cewe Ltd. be accepted.

Our reasons for recommending the rejection of the low bid by Johnson's Trucking Western Ltd., are as follows:

1. On 10 April, 1975 the Municipal Engineer and other members of the Engineering staff visited the site of Johnson's Trucking Western Ltd.'s operations on Pipeline Road in Coquitlam.

Mr. Johnson met them at the site and they walked over and examined the working face of the pit. Mr. Johnson stated and it was quite obvious to the Engineering staff that he was not operating at this time and showed them the small stock pile of "mulch" material which appeared to be the only material which he had available. He himself stated that this material was of poor quality - a statement which they agreed with.

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On questioning Mr. Johnson, it appeared that there were only two items which his Company would supply directly, that is, the Fraser River pump sand and the one-inch minus crushed gravel. All the other materials were to be supplied by sources belonging to other Companies.

There seemed to be very little quality material in the face of Mr. Johnson's pit and the upper regions contained a very high percentage of clay and soil which, undoubtedly, on working the face would contaminate any good material coming from the lower regions.

The Engineering staff were not at all impressed with Mr. Johnson's operation nor with his pit.

They continued up Pipeline Road and examined the pit operated by J. Cewe Ltd. In most locations, the pit face had good material and the numerous stock piles of various gradations were clean, of good quality, and reasonable quantity.

They were convinced that there was no comparison between the two operations and between the qualities of the various materials observed.

2. As requested by myself, the Engineering Department had included two items, Numbers 18 and 19, in the Schedule of Quantities, crushed limestone and river sand which were for the almost exclusive use of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Engineering staff had discussions with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Naylor of the Parks Board and they stated that the river pump sand that is supplied by Johnson's was unsuitable for their use and the 3/4" crushed limestone was an item which, for critical quality reasons, was being purchased from another source and probably should continue in this way. The Parks Department has put its views on this matter on written record with the Engineering Department.

Representatives from both Departments visited J. Cewe's river sand supply and the staff was unanimous in concluding that it, like Johnson's river sand, was not suitable for the types of uses required by the Parks Department.

3. The Engineering staff are advised by the Parks and Recreation Department that the majority of the river sand being used this year will be used in the Big Bend Area. They have, at this time, stock piled in this area approximately 180,000 cubic yards of river sand which has been purchased by the Corporation at a price averaging about 30 cents per cubic yard. Looking further into this matter, it was felt that we could use this material very economically since trucking distances will be cut down, and arrive at an end price much less than that tendered by outside suppliers. Mr. Bailey has examined our own material in this area and has stated that it is of superb quality. The sand was originally purchased from the North Fraser Harbor Commissioners for general Municipal use, primarily in the Big Bend Area.

It will be noted by examining both tenders that if we exclude the item for river pump sand from both tenders the price submitted by J. Cewe Ltd. is approximately \$2,500 less than Johnson's, so that the acceptance of J. Cewe's bid for all other materials would be financially beneficial to the Corporation.

The Municipal Engineer and the Purchasing Agent concur with the following recommendation.

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Attachment

e.g. Municipal Clerk

Municipal Engineer

Parks & Recreation Administrator

N.B. The usual bonding and insurance is required.

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for MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

*K.F. Williams*  
PURCHASING AGENT

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY  
TABULATION OF TENDERS FOR  
CONTRACT #7508 - GRAVEL SUPPLY

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
April 8, 1975

<u>NO.</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	Johnson's Trucking Western Ltd.	\$181,646.00
2	Canada Cement LaFarge	211,138.00
3	Jack Cewe Ltd.	194,304.30
4	Allard Contractors Ltd.	211,182.50
5	Holland Landscapers Ltd.	Partial bid, no total

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