

TO: Municipal Manager 1992 June 10

FROM: Major Civic Building Project
Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: Civic Square - Landscaping

PURPOSE: To seek the authority of Council to award the Contract for the Hard and Soft Landscaping at Civic Square, Metrotown

Recommendation:

1. THAT Council approve the awarding of a Contract in the amount of \$123,906 to E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. for the construction of the hard and soft landscaping at Civic Square, Metrotown.

REPORT

1.0 Background Information

Council, at its meeting of 1992 March 30, adopted Bylaw No. 9714 in the amount of \$150,000 to finance the design and construction of the hard and soft landscaping in the south east corner at Civic Square, Metrotown.

As previously reported, in order to maintain consistency of details and quality finishes used to date on this site, James K.M. Cheng Architects in conjunction with Durante and Partners were retained for the design and contract administration to complete the remaining undeveloped area at the south east corner of Civic Square, Metrotown. Completion of this area was not pursued originally due to the fact that two of the remaining privately owned properties at the corner of Central Boulevard and McKay Avenue had not been purchased by the municipality.

2.0 Tender Review

A tender call for the construction of the hard and soft landscaping at Civic Square, Metrotown was released through the Purchasing Agent on 1992 May 09 and closed on 1992 May 28. In accordance with Council's direction, the tender documents included Burnaby's Fair Wage Schedule, which was required to be completed by the contractors submitting tenders.

A total of five tenders were received ranging from a low of \$115,800 to a high of \$138,800. The total base bid consists of the following work:

- 1.0 Site Preparation/Grading
- 2.0 Cast in Place Concrete
- 3.0 Sub-surface Drainage and Area Drains
- 4.0 Electrical
- 5.0 Irrigation
- 6.0 Benches
- 7.0 Soft Landscaping
- 8.0 Plaque

The firm of E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. submitted the lowest tender which consists of a base bid of \$115,800, and \$8,106 for GST, for a total price of \$123,906.


The five tenders were submitted to the Architects for their analysis. After completing their review, the Architect and staff inspected a project which, the low bidder, E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd., has recently completed that is similar in nature and scope. Based on the findings, the Architect is satisfied that the firm has the ability and resources to undertake this project. Reference checks were also conducted with clients and Architects who have had involvement with the low bidder. The comments received from these sources were favorable and positive.

Based on the information proceeding, the Purchasing Agent concurs with the recommendation to award the contract to E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd.

3.0 Conclusion

The submitted low tender is considered to be reasonable for a project of this size and detail. Based on the reviews completed to date, the Major Civic Building Project Coordination Committee has satisfied itself that E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. has the necessary experience and resources to successfully complete the work on this project, and recommends that they be awarded the construction contract for hard and soft landscaping project at Civic Square, Metrotown.


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