

TO: CITY MANAGER August 23, 2000
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
SUBJECT: TENDER FOR PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE COMPOSTABLE MATERIAL
PURPOSE: To obtain approval to award a contract for processing and marketing of compostable materials.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a contract be awarded to Fraser Richmond Bio-Cycle Ltd. for the processing and marketing of compostable materials for a two year period, for an estimated annual cost of \$520,600 with final payment based on actual quantities and unit prices tendered.

REPORT

One tender for the processing and marketing of compostable materials was received by the closing time of 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2000.

This tender involves the pick up, processing and marketing of non-commercial compostable yard waste materials collected at the City's Yard Waste Drop-off Centre, as well as that collected by City crews curbside.

Of the three firms invited to tender, one failed to respond and the other declined, indicating that they have scaled back on this type of work and could not accommodate the City's volumes at the present time. However, it bears noting that the unit prices submitted by Fraser Richmond Bio-Cycle in its current tender are some 4.5% lower than those submitted in their successful 1997 tender.

The term of the recommended contract will be from September 15, 2000 to August 31, 2002 and, based on mutual agreement between the Contractor and the City, it may be extended by up to three 12 month periods. However, the City has engaged a consultant to evaluate the feasibility of the City operating its own composting facility. The results of this study will be presented by the Director Engineering in the annual solid waste report early in 2001.

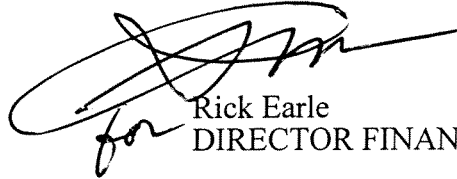
The recommended bidder, Fraser Richmond Bio-Cycle Ltd., has provided the subject services for the City for the past three years, to the satisfaction of the Director Engineering. They have been in business since 1992 and presently hold an operating certificate issued by the Provincial Ministry of the Environment and are licensed under the new G.V.R.D. regulations.

Fraser Richmond Bio-Cycle proposes to market the compost for use as top soil, soil amendments and conditioners, bio-filters, potting soil, and the like.

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The funding for this work is provided in the Annual Operating Budget.

The Director Engineering concurs with the above recommendation.


for Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc. Director Engineering