

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** February 28, 2005

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: BYRNE CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD

PURPOSE: To obtain approval to award a contract for the supply and installation of a synthetic turf sports field at the Byrne Creek Secondary School.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the City enter into a contract with FieldTurf Inc. to supply and install synthetic turf for the sports field at Byrne Creek Secondary School for a total cost of \$618,973.60 including GST.

REPORT

In 1999 and 2001 the recommended contractor, FieldTurf Inc., installed artificial playing surfaces for a total of four fields, those at Cariboo Hill School Park and Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West. These projects were awarded to FieldTurf as the result of competitive tenders. The specialized type of playing surface has proven to be durable, economical to maintain, and very well accepted by the user groups. The recommended award is for the same 'in-filled' type of sports field.

Because FieldTurf has proven to be competitive, cooperative and competent, and because their product has been widely accepted by the user community, the City chose to discuss this project with the contractor to see if agreement could be reached. The pricing that resulted from these discussions is approximately 20% lower than that for the Cariboo Hill School project in 2001 and is considered to represent good value. This reduction in cost is attributed, in part, to manufacturing process improvements, economies of scale and changes in the U.S. dollar exchange rate. Additional benefits are associated with having common maintenance methods and expertise among the City's several artificial sports fields.

The work of this contract involves the supply and installation of the synthetic sports field surface and the application of all required lines. The construction of the field base, concrete edge anchor, drainage, fencing and asphalt running track will be performed under a separate contract recently awarded to Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' estimate for this work is \$741,992.

The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and our consultant, R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd., are satisfied that FieldTurf has the experience and resources to complete the work of this contract. The Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services concurs with the above recommendation.

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Sufficient Capital Reserves are available under the 2005 Parks Major Program component of the 2005-2009 Provisional Capital Program.



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cc. Director Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services