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COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2012 October 09

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: HIRED EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

PURPOSE: To seek Council's approval to increase the purchase order limit for Hired Equipment Services provided by BC Plant Healthcare and FA Bartlett Tree Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** approval be given for the continued use of Hired Equipment Services provided by BC Plant Healthcare and FA Bartlett Tree Services.

REPORT

The City retains a number of contractors to provide hired equipment services as required to assist City forces in completing construction and maintenance programs. This involves peak workload supplemental services as well as specialized equipment services.

BC Plant Healthcare and FA Bartlett Tree Services have for several years provided the City with specialized equipment and services to assist with boulevard tree maintenance and hazardous tree work at competitive rates. In the fall of 2010, the hired equipment bid process was changed to a two year term encompassing both 2011 and 2012.

The expenditures over the first 19 months of the contract have approached \$250,000 for both of these contractors. Staff are projecting expenditures will reach \$325,000 by the end of the two year term based on fall boulevard maintenance and hazardous tree removal over the past several years. It is recommended that staff be authorized to increase the value of the 2011/2012 purchase orders for BC Plant Healthcare and FA Bartlett Tree Services to \$325,000.

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