

EXHIBITION PLACE

February 23, 2005

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young
General Manager & CEO

Subject: **TENDER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION
Landscaping at Food Building East and West Entrances
Contract No. 05-0063-56323**

Purpose:

This report recommends the award of a tender relating to the restoration of the west and east entrances of the Food Building.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The financing for this project is included within the 2005 Capital Budget approved by the Board.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board award Contract No. 05-0063-56323 to Vaughn Paving Ltd. of Concord, Ontario in the amount of \$353,871.80, this being the lowest acceptable tender received.

Background:

The Board approved a budget of \$300,000 last year as part of the 2005 Capital Works Program for the Environmental Restoration Landscaping at the Food Building East and West Entrances.

Discussion:

The main east and west concrete ramps entrances to the Food Building were being retrofitted under our 2004 capital works program and will be completed by the start of this new landscaping work. This Building is the most popular building during CNE period and produces gross revenue of approximately \$800,000 for the CNE.

It was agreed during last summer budget process that an amount of \$300,000 was proposed to landscape the fountain pool spaces of the Food Building rather than to undertake a total retrofit of the wall fountain at a much greater cost of \$1.200M. This proposed landscaping work for both entrances would enhance the adjacent Computerland Balloon site on the west side of the

building as well as Nova Scotia Avenue on the east side, which is facing the main access road to and from the GO Station and TTC terminal.

The proposed landscape construction project entails reconstructing the existing west side and east side fountains of the Food Building into gardens and naturalized waterfalls. The scope will remove and demolish part of the existing pool perimeter walls and floor and construct new planter and concrete seat walls with granite caps consistent to the south side to define a new edge. The new space will be landscaped using native and hardy plant material. The planting beds will be irrigated with a fully automatic system. In addition, new impressed concrete paving will be installed which will integrate with the newly constructed ramps.

The tender for this contract was issued on January 17, 2005 and on February 14, 2005, Paul Egli, Director of Finance, supervised the tender opening of this Capital Project. Three (3) tenders were received and their price submissions, excluding GST, are as follows:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Submitted Tender Price</u>	<u>Recommended Contract Amt.</u>
Vaughan Paving Ltd	353,871.80	353,871.80
Dig-Con International	415,698.60	
Sommerville Construction	585,000.00	

The budget for this work under the main project of Environmental Restoration Account No. #0063 (construction costs, engineering fees, project management and administration costs) is \$300,000. Contained in this figure is \$285,000 for construction. The original submission by the low tender Vaughn Paving Ltd., at \$353,871.80, which includes \$20,000 contingency, is over the budget.

Based on the budget analysis of the bids, the over-budget comes as a result of the mechanical and electrical requirements for the waterfall work, which exceeds the estimate by approximately \$69,000. Bidding contractors were unable to obtain competitive bids from their mechanical and electrical trades. All other items were provided within the estimate. It was therefore recommended that shortfall be funded by the current 2005 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement project under the Parks, Lot, Roads (PLR) account no. 0062, in which \$100,000 was approved as part of the 2005 Capital Works Program. Since this landscaping project includes some extensive concrete work, new-impressed concrete sidewalks and pathway modifications in both entrances, it is appropriate that the shortfall of approximately \$69,000 be funded from this 2005 Sidewalk account. Therefore, it is recommended that this contract be awarded to Vaughn Paving Ltd., in the amount of \$353,871.80; this being the lowest acceptable tender received. There is some urgency to awarding this contract as the work must be complete prior to the summer season.

Vaughn Paving Ltd., has completed numerous projects for the Exhibition Place. These projects include all three phases of Manitoba Drive landscaping and reconstruction, the former Exhibition Stadium landscaping project and various works on the grounds. These projects include work very

similar to the proposed Food Building planter/garden project in all aspects of hard and soft landscaping.

This recommendation is contingent upon approval of City Council of the Exhibition Place 2005 Capital Program and approval of the Toronto Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for the Surety Company which will supply the bonding requirements and the Fair Wage Office to confirm that the recommended contractor and its subcontractors maintain wage rates and working conditions in accordance with Toronto Workers' Rights requirements. The Treasurer has previously certified, at the time of project approval, that financing can be provided under the updated Debt and Financial Obligation Limit and that it falls within corporate debt guidelines.

Conclusion:

This report recommends that the Board award Contract No. 05-0063-56323 to Vaughn Paving Ltd., in the amount of \$353,871.80, for the Landscaping at the Food Building east and west side Entrances

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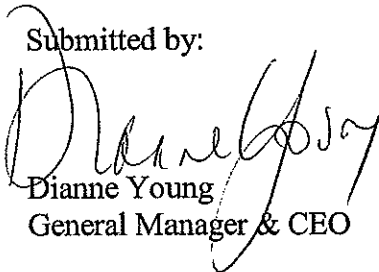
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