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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Award of Contract ITT PS09141- Supply and Installation of Custom Street Furnishings for Granville Street Downtown

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C and D, the General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to enter into a contract with Jacob Bros. Construction for the supply and installation of custom street furniture for Granville Street Downtown at an estimated value of \$519,960.00 plus the applicable 5% Goods and Services Tax (less any municipal rebate received) with funding provided from the 2006-2008 Streets Basic Capital Budgets for the Granville Street Reconstruction.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A;
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Director of Legal Services;
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Engineering Services RECOMMENDS approval of recommendations A through D.

COUNCIL POLICY

Contracts with a value over \$300,000 are referred to Council for approval.

The policy of Council is to award contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies and services that will give the highest value based on quality, service and price.

On April 22nd, 2008 Council approved the final design details for Granville Street between Drake Street and Cordova Street with an estimated funding of \$20.8 million secured through a continued 50/50 cost-share agreement with Translink.

On July 21st, 2009, Council reallocated \$3.0 million in capital funding to increase the overall budget for the Granville Street Reconstruction project to \$23.8 million.

PURPOSE

This report seeks authorization to award the contract for the supply and installation of custom street furniture as part of the Granville Street Redesign project based on the final design details of streetscape improvements to the public realm.

DISCUSSION

Street furniture is a key component of the overall streetscape design of Granville Street and will have a direct effect on the level of public amenity. Their custom designs complement the other custom features of the street including sidewalk paving treatments and decorative lighting. The provision of street furniture will encourage animation of the street - one of the key objectives of the overall design.

Purchasing Services issued a Tender for the supply and installation of custom street furniture for Granville Street downtown.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT PS09141) was posted on BC Bid and the City's website on August 4, 2009. The Tenders were opened in public on September 2, 2009. Submissions were received from five bidders.

Of the five bids received, staff evaluated the four compliant bids with prices listed in Table 1. Pricing includes all applicable taxes and does not include any municipal rebate received.

TABLE 1: Tender Pricing - based on full Tender quantities

PROPONENT	TENDER PRICE
Bidder 1	\$593,880
Bidder 2	\$918,954
Bidder 3	\$945,421
Bidder 4	\$1,045,277

Following evaluation of the Tender prices, it was determined that awarding based on the full Tender quantities of street furniture was not feasible within the project budget.

As such, the quantities of street furniture elements (including bike racks, metal chairs, bench seating) were reviewed with the City's landscape design consultant, PWL Partnership

Landscape Architects Inc., and the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association with the intent to provide reasonable public amenity while preserving the overall design. All parties agreed that some of the furniture elements were not immediately necessary but would likely be needed in the future as the public use of the street increased. Furniture elements were reduced at strategic locations throughout the project including bike racks (107 to 83), metal chairs (40 to 18), and benches (58 to 54) reducing the overall contract price to \$519,960.00.

Following completion of remaining construction works and settlement of project-related financial commitments, it is proposed that a review of installed street furniture quantities be conducted in parallel with a review of the project budget to determine the feasibility of additional purchase of street furniture, should it be required.

Schedule

It is expected that the street furniture for Granville, as part of this contract, will be supplied and installed by January 31, 2010.

Evaluation

The Tender packages were evaluated by measuring adherence to technical specifications and best value to the City based on quality, service and price.

Based on the review of the four Tenders, the submission provided by Jacob Bros. Construction (Bidder 1) meets specifications, is the lowest cost bid, and provides the best overall value to the City. This bid is recommended for Tender award.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2006-08 Capital Budgets provide a total of \$23.8 Million for the reconstruction of Granville Street, which includes \$10.4 million in cost sharing recoveries from Translink.

The supply and installation of custom street furniture at a contract price of \$519,960.00 and the accompanying will be funded from within the aforementioned approved project budget.

CONCLUSION

Following a public procurement process and evaluation of the Tenders submitted for the supply and installation of custom street furniture for Granville Street in Vancouver's downtown core, the General Manager of Engineering Services recommends that the bid from Jacob Bros. Construction be accepted.

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