



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
Report

Department: Financial Services
Division: Purchasing
Report Number: 2024-54-Financial Services
Meeting Date: May 14, 2024
Subject: Phase 2 of Rachel's Park of Hope at St. Theresa Park

Purpose

To obtain approval to award a contract for Phase 2 of Rachel's Park of Hope of the supply and installation of play structures and poured in place rubber surfacing at St. Theresa Park.

Recommendation

That Council approve a non-competitive procurement for Rachel's Park of Hope Phase 2 to New World Park Solutions, from Brantford, Ontario, for a total cost of \$352,224.39 including HST.

Financial Implications

The Rachel's Kids fundraising initiative had originally committed to raise \$600,000 to contribute for the procurement and installation of the first stage of the St. Theresa Park inclusive playground structure.

Rachel's Kids charitable organization has since requested to expand the Park Hope with a second phase and have committed to raise all required funds to cover the cost of the expansion. There are no costs to the Corporation for the second phase.

Strategic Priority Implications

Supporting initiatives like Rachel's Park of Hope aligns with Pillar 2.2(c) of Council's Strategic Plan.

Pillar 2: Community Connections

2. Foster a trusted and engaged City where residents and businesses thrive by being welcomed and safe:
 - c. Improve the quality, inclusivity, and accessibility of public participation opportunities.

Background / Discussion

At the Council Meeting of April 11, 2023, Council approved the proposal from Rachel's Kids charitable organization to develop an inclusive playground structure in St. Theresa Park and included \$75,000 of municipal funding in the 2024 Municipal Budget to pay for the construction of a barrier free parking area to support the project.

The Rachel's Kids fundraising initiative has committed to raise \$600,000 to contribute for the procurement and installation of the St. Theresa Park inclusive playground structure.

The Corporation on November 14, 2023, awarded RFP 23-T23 for the supply and installation of an inclusive play structure for Rachel's Park of Hope located in St. Theresa Park to New World Park Solution at total bid price of \$677,844.06 including HST. Phase 1 installation of play structures is planned for the spring of 2024.

The Rachel's Kids fundraising initiative has committed to raise the additional \$352,224.39 in funds for Phase 2 of the St. Theresa Park inclusive playground structure. Phase 2 of the St. Theresa Park inclusive playground structure is to be constructed in the spring of 2025 with the addition of the NEOS 360 featuring 8 games, Quito freestanding net climber and ENERGI Prime Total Body Fitness System.

As per the Corporation's Procurement of Goods and/or Services Policy FI-2019-09-09-2, Section 5.14 (f)(i) Non-Competitive may be used for additional deliveries by the original Supplier that were not included in the initial procurement and with Section 5.14 (e)(v) to ensure compatibility with existing goods.

New World Park Solutions have provided a playground structure design with play features to provide progressively challenging play opportunities for children of all abilities between the ages of 18 months to 12 years old and are designed to meet or exceed the accessibility standards described in the City's Accessibility Plan. Additional features in Phase 2 will provide sensory and active play components, for children and caregivers with various disabilities along with a fitness component for those 13 years of age and older. The ground surface is a poured in place rubber surface that is firm, stable and has impact attenuating properties for injury prevention. Sufficient clearance will be provided for children and caregivers with various disabilities the ability to move through, in and around the outdoor play space.

Phase 2 – Rachel's Park of Hope Features:

