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REPORT

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Mark Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect

DATE: June 24, 2021

REPORT NO.: RP-2021-0015

SUBJECT: Hungry Hollow Trail Expansion Phase 1

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report RP-2021-0015 dated June 24, 2021 regarding the tender award for Hungry Hollow Trail Expansion Phase 1 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the award T-068-21 Hungry Hollow Trail Expansion Phase 1 to Terrain Landscapes Inc. of 850 Centre Rd., Hamilton, Ontario (L8N 2Z7) for \$746,293.50 exclusive of HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management be authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$746,293.50 exclusive of tax to Terrain Landscapes Inc. of 850 Centre Rd., Hamilton, Ontario (L8N 2Z7) for the award of T-068-21 Hungry Hollow Trail Expansion Phase 1.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permits have been received for the construction of the Hungry Hollow Trail from West Branch Drive Park to Downtown Georgetown.
- The Town issued Request for Tender T-068-21 for the construction of the first of two phases of construction.
- Time is of the essence for construction as all permits for the Hungry Hollow Trail Expansion Phase 1 have been obtained and construction timing windows restrict some activities so they do not impact endangered species.
- Staff recommend the award of the tender to Terrain Landscapes Inc. as the project is within the approved capital budget.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

In July 2004, Council approved Recommendation No. GC-2004-0200 that identified the Hungry Hollow Management Plan (March 2004) as a guiding document for five key areas: resource management, trail development, permitted uses, monitoring plans, and implementation strategies.

Based on the Management Plan, a network of over 5.5km of trail has been constructed since 2007 within the Hungry Hollow Ravine, extending from Hall Road to West Branch Drive Park. The ultimate masterplan for the Hungry Hollow Trail system proposes an additional 1.7km of trails continuing from West Branch Drive Park to Main Street, Cedarvale Park and further north to Downtown Georgetown. Cedarvale Park is a key location within the trail network and would act as a formal trailhead destination (parking, information kiosk signage, park amenities). Currently the Hungry Hollow trail lacks a destination trailhead and is accessed by neighbourhood/local access points with on street parking.

Silver Creek within Hungry Hollow Ravine contains and is habitat for Redside Dace, which is an endangered species. Staff have been working through the approval process for the main trail from West Branch Drive Park to Cedarvale Park and Downtown Georgetown, with the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP), and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC). The final CVC and MECP permits were obtained by staff in May 2021.

The project will be constructed in two phases, as follows:

- Phase 1 (T-068-21) of trail construction consists of limestone screenings trail and wooden boardwalk through Hungry Hollow Ravine connecting from West Branch Drive Park to Main St and Maple Ave to Park Ave. Substantial overall benefit plantings are also included in this work within Cedarvale Park; and
- Phase 2 (tender late 2021 and construction in 2022) consists of a pedestrian bridge over Black Creek and boardwalk and limestone screenings trail through Hungry Hollow Ravine to connect from Main St to Cedarvale Park.

Nine (9) prequalified trail contractors were invited to submit a bid through bidsandtenders.ca for the Hungry Hollow Trail Expansion, Phase 1 (T-068-21). This group of specialty contractors were prequalified through Requests for Pre-Qualifications for Trail Construction PQ-007-20 and PQ-007-20-1. Of the prequalified trail contractors, Four (4) bids were received on June 24th, 2021. The bids were as follows (all prices listed are inclusive of all taxes):

<u>Contractor:</u>	<u>Bid Price (including HST):</u>
Terrain Landscapes Inc.	\$843,311.66
Bomar Landscaping Inc.	\$857,246.25
Melfer Construction Inc.	\$926,196.59
CSL Group Limited	\$1,118,688.14

Staff recommend that the tender be awarded to Terrain Landscapes Inc. of Hamilton, ON, being the lowest responsive bid.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report aligns to the Town's Strategic plan recognizing the value to provide responsive, effective municipal government and strong leadership in the effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

This report also identifies transportation as one of the Town's Strategic priorities. Getting around is safe for residents of all ages through a combination of traffic calming and active transport priority routes and trails.

Sustainable Development Goals: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report impacts and/or helps address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target through climate mitigation. Providing additional trail linkages encourages residents to increase active transportation and reduce reliance on automobiles for travelling to destinations.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature. Neighbours will be advised as part of the construction notifications. The MECP permit was subject to public review on the Ministry's Environmental Registry, and the Hungry Hollow Management Plan undertook a comprehensive public consultation process.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Staff from the Purchasing Division were consulted in the preparation of this report. The Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management is in agreement with the award of Tender to Terrain Landscapes Inc. Staff from Finance were also consulted in the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report will be funded through an existing approved budget source. The capital project was approved through the following projects:

- 8500-24-0110 Trails System
- 8500-24-1701 Hungry Hollow Trails Ph 1
- 8500-24-1801 Hungry Hollow Trails Ph 2
- 8500-24-1901 Hungry Hollow Trails Ph 3 8-Ced
- 8500-24-1702 Silvercreek Valley Trail
- 8500-26-1401 Cedarvale Bridge Replacement
- 8500-24-2001 Hungry Hollow Ph4-MECP Permit
- 8500-11-2114 Hungry Hollow MECP Compensation

A total budget of \$1,225,000 is available for all phases of the project. The total cost of the project including the Town's HST portion is \$759,428.27, which is consistent with the design estimate. Should additional budget be required for future phases, it will be requested as part of the tender award for the final phase of construction once the tender results are known.

Reviewed and approved by,



Kevin Okimi, Director of Parks and Open Space



Warren Harris, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks



Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer