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Subject: **Request to Begin Procurement for the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub (Ward 9)”**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled “**Request to Begin Procurement for the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub (Ward 9)”** to the Committee of Council meeting of April 14, 2021, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub.

Overview:

- **This report seeks Council approval to commence the procurement to hire a General Landscape Contractor for the construction of the Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub.**
- **The project involves constructing a new Activity Hub on open-space inside the existing Sesquicentennial Park. The hub will consist of areas and equipment for playgrounds, water-play, outdoor fitness, sodded open-play, shaded seating and gathering, walkways, lighting and landscaped planting.**

Background:

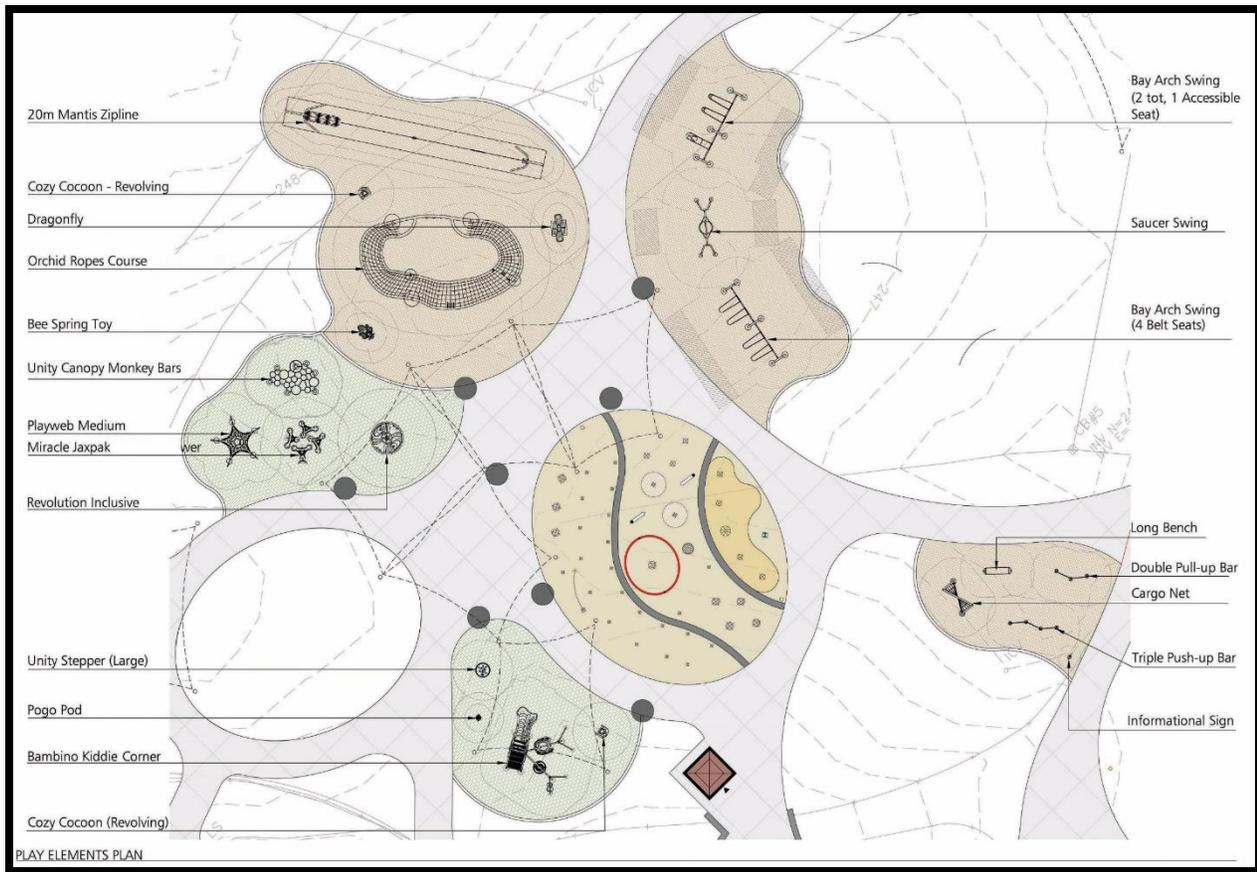
The project involves the construction a new Activity Hub inside Sesquicentennial Park. Existing open-space areas to north, west and east of the field-house are to be developed for the hub which is approximately 2 hectares (5 acres) in size.

The new Activity Hub area within the existing Sesquicentennial Park is shown in red below.



The new Activity Hub will consist of areas and equipment for playgrounds, water-play, outdoor fitness, artificial-turf open play, shaded seating and gathering, walkways, lighting and landscaped planting areas. The intent of the hub is to be an exciting, bold, fully accessible space for people of all ages and abilities. The hub will serve both local residents and a city-wide community.

The Activity Hub concept is shown below.



Current Situation:

Parks Maintenance and Forestry Division is prepared to proceed with the procurement for the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of the Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub.

The Scope of the Project includes installation of the following:

- Waterplay area
- Junior and senior playgrounds
- Outdoor fitness area
- Sodded open-play area
- Seating and gathering areas
- Overhead shade-canopies
- Pedestrian pathways
- Pedestrian and area lighting
- Landscape plantings

The scope of work will also include site grading and drainage, site fencing and decorative features, landscaping, and signage in accordance with City standards.

The new park elements are being built with the support and confirmation of Parks Maintenance and Operations staff who will operate and maintain this facility.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funding is available for the initiative from the following capital project as follows:

Initiative	Project
Construction - Activity Hub	215865-009

Departmental staff will ensure that sufficient funds are requested through the subsequent budget submissions for this initiative, subject to Council approval.

Other Implications:

Purchasing Comments

The pre-qualified General Landscape Contractors will be invited to submit a Bid and the lowest compliant Bid will be eligible for contract award. Purchase approval will be obtained in accordance with the Purchasing By-Law.

All communication with Bidders involved in the procurement must occur formally, through the contact person identified in the Bid Document.

Item	Proposed Date(s)
Working Drawings and Specifications Complete	March 2021
Issue for Tender (Construction)	April 2021
Issue Purchase Order	May 2021
Start of Construction	June 2021
Substantial Performance	December 2021
Total Completion	Spring 2022

Term of Council Priorities:

This report achieves the Term of Council Priorities in the following manner:

This report has been prepared in full consideration of vision that the people of Brampton will “Live the Mosaic” and is aligned with the Term of Council priority 4 4.2. “Enhance recreation and sports facilities to increase access to programs for residents.”

Conclusion:

An investment in the Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub will significantly contribute to Brampton’s role as an innovator in diverse childhood play spaces. The city will further be defined as a leader in universally accessible recreation that supports public health and well-being. These initiatives will compliment long-term growth in the area and enhance the park as a vital community facility as well as city-wide destination.

It is recommended that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of the Sesquicentennial Park Activity Hub as described in this report.

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