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Subject: **Request to Begin Procurement – Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park – Ward 10**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Natalia Fleishman, Interim Supervisor, Parks Projects, dated January 16th, 2022 to Committee of Council meeting of February 16th, 2022, re: **Request To Begin Procurement – Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park – Ward 10** be received, and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurements for the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park.

Overview:

- **This report seeks Council approval to commence the procurement to hire a General Landscape Contractor for the construction of the Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park.**
- **The project involves constructing a universally accessible park with a diverse program of alternative play, recreation, and community facilities. The park will have wet and dry playgrounds, open-play, adult fitness (parkour), basketball, off-leash dog areas, community gardens, shaded seating, washrooms, an indoor community meeting room, landscaped and forest areas, walkways and lighting.**

Background:

The project involves the construction of the new park to the southeast of the intersection of Torbram Road and Sandalwood Parkway East. The parkland, is 3.6 hectares (8.9 acres) in size and is currently an unused, sodded, open space. The site was originally intended for a Community Centre, similar to the initial concepts for Gore Meadows, Cassie Campbell and Save Max Sports Centres. As those facilities were significantly enlarged, the Torbram-Sandalwood site was deemed too small and too close to others, and thus never developed.

With a full program of traditional active recreation available at the adjacent community park and high school, the site is a good candidate to pursue alternative recreational and community uses. The site is ready for the creative, diverse and unique programs of an adventure park. Well connected by recreational trails, public transit, major roads and existing parking, the site is accessible to residents of all ages and abilities.

Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park will consist of areas, equipment and structures for wet and dry playgrounds, open-play, adult fitness (parkour), basket ball, off-leash dog areas, community gardens, gathering and shaded seating areas, washrooms, a community meeting room, landscaped and forested areas, walkways and lighting.

Current Situation:

Parks Maintenance and Forestry are prepared to proceed with procurement for the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of the Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park.

The Scope of the Project includes custom design, development and installation of the following:

- Waterplay
- Adventure playgrounds
- Outdoor alternative learning
- Parkour and adult fitness
- Grass open-play
- Landscape plantings
- Forested areas
- Seating and gathering areas
- Overhead shade-canopies
- Pedestrian pathways
- Pedestrian lighting
- Basketball
- Off-leash dog areas
- Community gardens
- Shaded canopies
- Public washrooms
- Indoor community meeting room
- Entry features and plazas

The scope of work will also include all site development, utilities servicing, site grading, storm drainage and environmental protections, decorative and control fencing, landscaping, and wayfinding signage. All development and construction are to be completed in accordance with applicable Municipal, Regional and Provincial standards.

The project will have the full confirmation and support of staff from both Parks, Maintenance & Forestry and Recreation who will operate, maintain and oversee these facilities.

Tentative Project Schedule

| Item | Proposed Date(s) |
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| Working Drawings and Specifications Complete | March 2022 |
| Issue for Tender (Construction) | May 2022 |
| Issue Purchase Order | July 2022 |
| Start of Construction | August 2022 |
| Substantial Performance | October 2023 |

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| Item | Proposed Date(s) |
| Total Completion | December 2023 |

Corporate 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.

Financial Implications:

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

| Initiative | Project |
|--|------------|
| Construction – Torbram/Sandalwood Park | 225751-002 |
| Construction - Adventure Park | 215865-009 |

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

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 Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park will significantly contribute to Brampton’s role as an innovator in public facilities and open spaces for a diverse community. The City will further be defined as a leader in universally accessible and non-traditional 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 the Hiring of a General Landscape Contractor for the Construction of the Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park as described in this report.

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Appendix A: Proposed Park with Sandalwood Heights Secondary School and Torbram Sandalwood Community Park

Appendix B: Development Image and Aerial Views