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Subject: **Request to Begin Procurement – Gage Park Construction Projects – Ward 3**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled “**Request to Begin Procurement – Gage Park Construction Projects – Ward 3**” dated May 29, 2023, to the June 21, 2023, Committee of Council Meeting be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement to hire a General Contractor for the various improvements at Gage Park.

Overview:

- On January 25, 2023, Council Resolution C009-2023 was adopted; approving the budget amendment and authorizing staff to commence limited tendering of refrigeration contractors to replace the refrigeration plant at Gage Park.
- The January resolution effectively split the Gage Park ice track project into two phases:
 - Phase 1 involved the replacement of the refrigeration plant by November 25, 2023.
 - Phase 2 includes the ice pad replacement with additional upcoming construction activities to be incorporated into the project to minimize future disruptions.
- Additional works for Phase 2 includes replacement of walkways and landscaping irrigation, upgrade to the electrical supply and provision of power outlets throughout the park. Performing these works as part of the project will avoid future disruptions to the park’s operations.

- **This report seeks authorization to commence the General Contractor procurement for Phase 2 of the Gage Park project, including the additional works. Award to the successful contractor will be subject to future funding approval by Council.**
- **Implementation of Phase 2 will impact the park's operations and limit public access for the duration of the construction period, from April to November 2024. The playground, splash pad and public washrooms will remain open and accessible to the public.**

Background:

On January 25, 2023, Council Resolution C009-2023 was adopted; approving budget amendments and authorizing staff to commence limited tendering of refrigeration contractors to replace the refrigeration plant at Gage Park. The refrigeration plant replacement is underway with anticipated completion by November 25, 2023.

With the approval of the limited tendering Council Resolution, the Gage Park ice track replacement project was split into two phases. Phase 1 includes the refrigeration plant replacement. Phase 2 includes the ice track replacement and other necessary works to be incorporated into the project. The park will be partially closed in 2024, from April to November, providing an opportunity to complete the additional work, which will help avoid future disruptions in the park.

During Gage Park's partial closure, access to the playground, splash pad and the public washrooms will be maintained. All events scheduled at Gage Park during the closure will be moved to alternate locations.

On March 30, 2022, Council Resolution CW134-2022 was adopted; authorizing City staff to commence procurement for replacing the ice pad and piping at Gage Park. This report seeks procurement authorization to complete the additional items added to the scope of work, as listed below.

Current Situation:

The base scope of work for Phase 2 involves replacement of the ice track pad and underground distribution piping. Additional works to be performed during Phase 2 include:

- Replacement of walkways and pavers
- Power supply upgrade and replacement of related power infrastructure
- Power distribution throughout the park for events
- Installation of a new landscaping irrigation system

Completing these additional activities at the same time as the track replacement, rather than in future years, will have the least impact on future events in Gage Park.

This report seeks authorization to commence contractor procurement for Phase 2 of the Gage Park project, including the additional works. Awarding the construction services will be subject to Council funding approval through a budget amendment.

The tender is anticipated to be released in September 2023, with the budget amendment to be requested October – November 2023. It is critical to tender this work early to reduce the risk of long lead times for equipment supply, which would have an impact on the overall project schedule.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

The currently available funding was approved by Council for the base scope of work and is not sufficient for the procurement value including additional work. Departmental staff will request a budget amendment once the tender is closed and the estimated cost of additional work is determined. The contract award shall be subject to Council approval of the budget amendment.

Legal Implications:

Not applicable.

Purchasing Implications:

A public Procurement Process will be conducted for the construction of various improvements at Gage Park and the lowest compliant Bid will be eligible for contract award. Purchase approval shall 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.

Term of Council Priorities:

Brampton is a Safe & Healthy City: the proposed work will improve access conditions at the park and encourage healthy physical activity.

Brampton is a City of Opportunities: the proposed work will maintain services and programs for the neighborhood and City while also expanding the park's potential to service current and future events.

Conclusion:

This report seeks authorization to commence the procurement for Phase 2 of the Gage Park ice track replacement project, including the additional works. Award of the construction services will be subject to Council approval through a budget amendment.

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