



City of North Bay Report to Council

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Business Unit:

Corporate Services

Department:

Financial Services Department

Subject: Request for Expression of Interest 2023-12 - Design Supply and Installation of
Baseball Field Safety Netting

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That City Council approves the award of a contract to Sport Systems Canada Inc. in the amount of \$129,975.00 (plus HST) for the supply and installation of baseball field safety netting.

Background

The Veteran's baseball diamond and soccer field have been in the same location for decades. Historically the soccer field was programmed for adult soccer with only twenty-two players on the field. The remaining players remain on the bench. Spectators would sit on the bleachers which are located on the opposite side of the field in relation to the baseball diamond and would be out of area where foul balls land.

Youth soccer was programmed on the Veterans soccer field for the past two seasons. Three youth fields are set up on the adult soccer field. There are fifty-four players on the three fields and because this is youth soccer the remaining players, coaches and spectators sit around the fields. There could be approximately 150 players and spectators sitting in the area where foul balls land.

Last year the risk of foul balls landing in the area around the youth soccer was identified due the increased number of players and spectators in the area where foul balls could be hit.

It was determined that an installation of baseball field safety netting between the baseball diamonds and soccer field would reduce the risk of foul balls landing in the area were the youth soccer fields were located. A forty-foot baseball field safety netting will be installed based on Sport Systems Canada proposal.

Financial/Legal Implications

A formal request, which closed February 21, 2023 was administered by the Purchasing Department and was publically advertised in accordance with the City's Purchasing By-Law 2013-200. The intent of the request was to confirm the design of the appropriate baseball field safety netting and prequalify a list of bidders. One proposal was evaluated by the Purchasing Manager, the Supervisor, Parks and the Director, Public Works and Parks. The evaluation considered company overview, team members experience, and previous experience with similar projects. The City worked with the proponent to finalize the design and negotiate the contract price. The quote is considered fair and reasonable.

Sufficient funding for this contract is available in Capital Project No. 6707RF – Recreation Facilities Rehab and Development 2023 On-going.

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

Work with community stakeholders to enhance safety and integration throughout the City.

Options Analysis

Option 1: That City Council approves the award of a contract to Sport Systems Canada Inc. in the amount of \$129,975.00 (plus HST) for the supply and installation of baseball field safety netting.

Option 2: Do not award a contract. This option is not recommended because nothing will be done to reduce the risk of foul balls landing on the soccer field. This could impact programming of the three youth soccer fields and could affect approximately 400 children that play on these fields.

Recommended Option

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Respectfully submitted,

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We concur with this report and recommendation

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Title: Director, Financial Services / Deputy Treasurer

Name: Margaret Karpenko, CPA, CMA
Title: Chief Financial Officer /Treasurer

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