

Staff Report to Council

Title: Connaught Park Ball Diamond Lighting Upgrades Contract Award – CS-2024-10

Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2024-15

Director: Community Services

Manager: Parks & Facilities

Meeting Date:
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Date to be considered by Council:
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Recommendation:

That Council award the contract for the supply and installation of the Connaught Park Ball Diamond lighting retrofit upgrades to 928277 Ontario Ltd. (Weber's Electric) in the amount of \$216,155.00; and

Further, that the cost overage of \$16,155.00 be funded from the Community Benefits Reserve Fund.

Executive Summary:

Council is being asked to award the request for proposals to the highest scoring bidder, 928277 Ontario Ltd (Weber's Electric) in the amount of \$216,155.00 plus HST. A total of 4 submissions were received for this Request for Proposals.

Strategic Priorities:

C.8-Create vibrant parks, green space, recreation facilities and programs for residents or visitors of all ages and abilities

Financial Considerations:

The 2024 Capital budget allocated \$200,000 for the Connaught Park lighting upgrade project. The project is funded from the Community Benefits Reserve Fund. The project cost is inclusive of supply and installation. The cost overage of \$16,155.00 will need to be funded from Community Benefits Reserve Fund.

The increased cost from the initial budgetary quote to the final contract price can be attributed to an increased cost in luminaries and electrical components from the initial quoting at the end of 2023.

Policy:

GG.2.17 Purchasing and Procurement Policy.

Context and Background Information:

The existing ball diamond lighting at Connaught Park is not performing adequately to ensure the continued evening use of the diamonds.

As part of the project's scope, all light fixtures will be converted to LED luminaries, the contents of the Connaught Park electrical shed will be updated, and the light control switches will be replaced. The new light control switches will be designed with lockable enclosures to prevent unauthorized activation of the ball diamond lighting.

Consultation Overview:

Over the course of the past couple of ball seasons, staff have conducted regular meetings with the ball user community. High among their concerns at the Connaught Park Diamonds has been the low level of lighting that has made it difficult to hold evening games.

Origin:

2024 Capital budget.

Implementation Considerations:

Installation of the new lighting will occur this summer, during the ball season. The contractor has been instructed to schedule work during the daytime hours and ensure the diamonds are ready for play by the evening. We are anticipating 1-2 evenings of ball interruption for a Westario shutdown, while the service components are being upgraded.

Staff will work closely with ball users to schedule this work at a time that will have the least impact on their programming.

Risk Analysis:

In its current state, the existing HID lighting is not providing enough light output to ensure the Connaught Diamonds will be able to sustain evening ball usage. Should the Connaught Park lighting be allowed to continue diminishing, it is likely that evening bookings will be jeopardized, which will result in a loss of revenue and a significant displacement of Kincardine's ball users.

The retrofit of Connaught Park's lighting is constrained by the existing infrastructure of the park that was not included in the scope of work, in the interest of fiscal responsibility, while the future of the park is being considered. For this reason, the location of light standards and the number of luminaries could not be increased, which has impacted overall lighting performance. It is likely that, should the ball diamonds remain at Connaught Park, in their

current configuration, more comprehensive lighting enhancements may be required (including a replacement of poles).

That being said, the lighting components and luminaries installed in this project could possibly be reused as part of any future enhancements at Connaught.

Attachments: None

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