



Date: July 9, 2010

**TO:** Board Members – Vancouver Park Board  
**FROM:** General Manager – Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** Trillium Fields: Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf- Contract Award

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## RECOMMENDATION

- A.** *THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Astroturf West Distributors Ltd. in the amount of \$621,720, plus HST, for the Supply and Installation of Synthetic Turf at Trillium Fields as detailed in this report;*
- B.** *THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence;*
- C.** *THAT, upon approval of the contract by the Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;*
- D.** *THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.*

## POLICY

Construction contracts over \$500,000 are awarded by the Board.

## BACKGROUND

This construction of the 2 synthetic turf fields at the Trillium park site was approved in the 2003-2005 Capital Plan. At the regular meeting of the board on March 2, 2009, the Board approved the concept drawing for the construction of the 2 synthetic turf fields at the Trillium park site. The construction is being funded with Capital funds and a \$900,000 Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund grant towards the installation of lighting

for the fields. The total budget for the construction of the fields and associated works is \$5,640,000.

To date, site preparation works have included preloading with sand and environmental remediation. A contract has recently been awarded for the civil, lighting and landscaping works. Currently there is \$1,416,681 available for the supply and installation of synthetic turf contract, which is the final phase of this project.

This RFP is for the supply and installation of the synthetic turf for the 2 fields at the Trillium park site. This represents the last phase for the final completion of the sports fields. The construction of the civil, lighting and landscaping portion of the works is currently underway. The civil preparatory works should be completed in the first week of September, after which the synthetic turf will be installed, with projected completion by mid October 2010.

## DISCUSSION

Proposals were submitted by the following 7 vendors. In most cases, vendors submitted more than one proposal, but only the lowest priced proposal from each vendor that met the Park Board requirements were listed in the table.

Company	City	Bid Amount
AstroTurf Distributors Ltd.	Surrey	\$621,720
Les Sols Sportica	Montreal	\$632,000
Tomko Sports Systems Inc.	Richmond	662,785
Centaur Products Inc.	Burnaby	683,929
FieldTurf Inc.	Montreal	766,580
Wilco Landscape Westcoast Inc.	Surrey	712,000
Turfwell Sport Surfaces Inc.	Surrey	916,000

The proposals were evaluated by staff, the consultant and representatives from the Vancouver Field Sports Federation, based on the Proponent's corporate performance, financial stability and product technical evaluation. The evaluation team looked specifically for the proponent's qualifications and track record, recent experience with similar synthetic turf projects, overall financial health, warranty considerations and the technical evaluation of the various products against the Park Board's requirements.

Initially, all proposals were evaluated against the Park Board's selection criteria. Through this evaluation process, the AstroTurf proposal was determined to give the best value based on the evaluation criteria. Their product was also the lowest price. AstroTurf is a synthetic turf supply and installation company with extensive experience in synthetic turf fields throughout North America. The company has a proven track record of bringing

similar projects to successful completion within required timelines, including recent fields for the City of Surrey and for Pavco at Empire Fields.

AstroTurf West Distributors is able to complete their installation by mid October 2010. They are also able to provide strong after sales service due to the local presence of their Richmond distributor who is able on short notice to perform repairs to turf due to wear or vandalism.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommend that the supply and installation of the synthetic turf for the 2 fields at the Trillium park site be awarded to Astroturf West Distributors Ltd. for the sum of \$ 621,720 plus HST.

Funds are available for this amount.

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