



CORPORATE REPORT
The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach
Meeting Date: 6/13/2024

DATE: 6/4/2024

SUBJECT: Contract No. PW2024-11 – Ramblewood Drive Park Playground Development

CONTACT: Katie Wardrop, Landscape Architect

REPORT NUMBER: 2024/06/13-10

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the report titled: Contract No. PW2024-11 – Ramblewood Drive Park Playground Development to the Council meeting of June 13, 2024, be received;
2. **THAT** Council award Contract No. PW2024-11 for the Ramblewood Drive Park Playground Development to Powcon Inc. for the prices stipulated in their tender bid;
3. **That** the unbudgeted amount of approximately \$246,071.03 be approved and funded from the General Park Reserve; and
4. **That** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Powcon Inc. subject to approval of content by the Director of Public Works and financial content by the Chief Financial Officer.

BACKGROUND:

Building neighbourhood parks is a key initiative to provide recreational space and amenities for the community's residents. The construction of Ramblewood Drive Park is crucial to addressing the shortage of park facilities in the west end of town, where accessible recreational spaces for residents of all ages are currently lacking. Recognizing the need for improved park infrastructure, the Ramblewood Drive Park project aims to offer a well-designed, multipurpose outdoor area that caters to the community's diverse needs.



Public consultation played an essential role in the project's design phase, ensuring the new park met community needs and desires. On October 19th, 2023, the town hosted a virtual public meeting where the town's design consultant presented three different concepts. Following the presentation, the consultant gathered feedback on the preferred playground and park design, allowing residents to share their ideas, concerns, and preferences.

This feedback was vital in shaping the final plan for the neighbourhood park, strengthening the sense of ownership and excitement about the development, and fostering a strong bond between the project and the community it serves.

The park will feature amenities such as a playground, walking trail, green space, a half basketball court, and two pickleball courts, creating a welcoming environment for families, individuals, and groups to enjoy various recreational activities.





DISCUSSION:

The tender notice for the Ramblewood Drive Park Playground Development was advertised on 'Bids & Tenders' on May 10th, 2024 and closed on May 31st, 2024.

Twenty-seven (27) prospective registered bidders and suppliers received the tender, and seven (7) bids were received by the published closing time.

The tender was opened on May 31st, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Tender Summary:

Each proponent was required to submit the following documentation and information:

- a. A completed Schedule of Items and Prices;
- b. Completed Proof of Ability Statements 1 and 2;
- c. Properly signed Form of Tender by the Tenderer; and
- d. All signed Addenda.

The financial results are as follows:

	Subtotal Construction Costs	H.S.T	Grand Total Construction Costs	Provisional Costs
Powcon Inc	\$659,308.88	\$85,710.15	\$745,019.03	\$80,488.00
Forest Ridge Landscaping Inc.	\$735,998.01	\$95,679.74	\$831,677.75	\$99,150.00

Quality Property Services	\$771,884.25	\$100,344.95	\$872,229.20	\$109,500.00
Yard Weasels Inc.	\$799,604.25	\$103,948.55	\$903,552.80	\$206,000.00
Bomar Landscaping Inc.	\$869,841.00	\$113,079.33	\$982,920.33	\$100,093.00
Arenes Construction LTD	\$957,595.90	\$124,487.47	\$1,082,083.36	\$81,387.00
Shayk Construction Inc.	\$1,126,567.50	\$146,453.78	\$1,273,021.28	\$110,500.00

To enhance the usability and comfort of Ramblewood Drive Park, staff recommends including provisional items; 6 benches and 2 cluster seating options. Providing adequate seating is essential for comfort and accessibility, allowing park visitors, including seniors, parents, and individuals with disabilities, to rest and enjoy the park comfortably. Cluster seating promotes social interaction among park visitors, fostering a sense of community and providing space for group activities. Where benches placed near the playground and courts allow parents and caregivers to comfortably supervise their children while they play. Providing these additional amenities to the park will enable visitors to relax and enjoy the atmosphere, enhancing their overall park experience. These additional items will add \$31,052.40, including HST, to the contract.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

The low bid and total tendered cost for the Ramblewood Drive Park Playground Development is \$745,019.03, including HST, plus \$31,052.40 (provisional items). This sum is much higher than the approved budget amount.

The budgeted estimates were \$380,000 for the playground and \$150,000 for Land Improvements – Tennis Courts (NEW), totaling \$530,000.

Staff recommend that Council approve the remaining \$246,071.43 to be funded from the General Park Reserve.

Term of Council Priorities:

This subject recommendation aligns with Council Priority No. 26 (Park rehabilitation + development plan (15-minute neighbourhoods)) as we continue to prioritize and make strong investments in the community.

CONCLUSION:

This project will significantly benefit the local community and enhance the overall park facility quality for residents. Based on the tenders received and favourable references, it is recommended that Powcon Inc. be awarded the Ramblewood Drive Park Playground Development.

The Invitation to Tender stipulated that the works must be substantially completed by November 30, 2024, contingent on the availability and supply of the playground equipment.

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