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Date: May 10, 2021
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: New Playground Equipment – Cottam Rotary Park & Ruthven Park
Report No.: CDS 2021-4

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council approve the proposal submitted by New World Park Solutions in the amount of, \$54,665.92 (excluding HST) for the supply and installation of playground equipment at Cottam Rotary Park;

And that, Council approve the proposal submitted by New World Park Solutions in the amount of \$75,820.24 (excluding HST) for the supply and installation of playground equipment at Ruthven Park.

BACKGROUND

Cottam Rotary Park is an existing active parkland located on County Road 34 West in Cottam between Lot 183 and Lot 165. The equipment at this location is aged and no longer compliant with the current standards regarding children's playspaces and equipment safety. In 2021, \$65,000 was allocated in the capital budget (PARKS-2021-8) for the supply and installation of new playground equipment at this location.

Ruthven Park is a new park development located at 1833 Queen's Valley Drive in Ruthven. Lot 131 of the residential development within the Queen's Valley subdivision had been identified as dedicated parkland space. In addition, the adjacent parcel Lot 23, had also been secured by the Town to expand the footprint of the dedicated parkland space to allow for further recreational amenities given that this will become the first active parkland within the community of Ruthven.

The Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Masterplan recognizes a provision target for additional children's play facilities within urban areas where crossings of major barriers such as railways, waterways, or county highways, that obstruct access to parks. As a result, a playground is recommended in Ruthven to address service gaps reflective of infrastructure barriers within the community.

In 2021, \$125,000 was allocated in the capital budget (PARKS-2021-5) towards the Phase 1 development of Ruthven Park and \$80,000 of this budget will be utilized towards the supply and installation of new playground equipment.

DISCUSSION

In February of 2021, a request for playground proposals were advertised respectively for Cottam Rotary Park (PR-2021-01) and Ruthven Park (PR-2021-03). As a result, several contractors submitted pricing for various designs. The following criteria was used to evaluate each design:

- Equipment safety features
- Number of accessibility features
- Number of play features
- Overall cost
- Types of material used
- Future maintenance requirements and concerns
- Overall appeal (cosmetics)

In addition, the design proposals were distributed to local residents surrounding each of the parkland areas requesting for their feedback and preferred selection among the various designs.

Upon reviewing the above criteria and survey results, it was decided to proceed with the proposals most favored by the local residents in each respective area. The proposal can be viewed in Appendix A (Cottam Rotary Park) and Appendix B (Ruthven Park). An additional bay for a swing-along swing has been incorporated into the overall design of the play structure at Ruthven Park

The proposal was also circulated to the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Committee as well as the Kingsville Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and feedback. Positive remarks were provided from both committees and generally support the proposed designs.

The proposal complies with CSA Standard Z614-14 (Children's playspaces and equipment safety standard) which also includes Annex H of this standard (Children's playspaces and equipment that are accessible to persons with disabilities). It is also in compliance with the Ontario Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (AODA).

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

Link to Council 2021-2022 Priorities

Programming Increase: Youth and Seniors

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Pending approval of this report, \$54,665.92 (excluding HST) will be awarded to New World Park Solutions for the installation of playground equipment at Cottam Rotary Park. The budget for this location is \$65,000.

In addition, \$75,820.24 (excluding HST) will also be awarded to New World Park Solutions for the installation of equipment at Ruthven Park. \$125,000 had been approved in the 2021 Capital Budget for the new park development in Ruthven. The remainder of this budget will be utilized towards the procurement of additional amenities as part of the phase 1 development of the park including park furniture, a paved pathway and fencing.

CONSULTATIONS

Kingsville Senior Management Team
Kingsville Accessibility Committee
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