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**To:** Mayor and Council

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**RE:** Lakeside Park Playground – Equipment Replacement

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Lakeside Park Playground – Equipment Replacement BE **AWARDED** to Park N Play Design – Option 1.

## **BACKGROUND**

Lakeside Park is a focal point in Kingsville and has one of our most prominent playgrounds. The existing structure has served our community well with over twenty years of wear and tear. The current structure has obsolete parts and sections that are falling apart.

During the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Budget Meeting, Council approved the replacement of Lakeside Park Playground equipment. As a result, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised to the public seeking qualified playground contractors and designers to perform the work. From the RFP submissions, three designs were chosen and placed on “HaveYourSay” for public consultation. The three designs that were chosen were selected by a project team that was created to score the proposals based on the proponents’ understanding of scope, qualifications, experience, equipment design, and budget.

Below is a summary of the public survey results as well as a recommendation for award.

## **DISCUSSION**

The scope of work for the RFP included removal of old equipment, design, and installation of a new playground for Lakeside Park. During the RFP process four (4) reputable companies submitted playground designs. After review, the top three (3) designs were selected and placed online through the Town’s “HaveYourSay” for public input.

The three (3) designs that were chosen had multiple factors that met the overall scope of the project and made an impact on design, accessibility, and inclusivity. Each design

offered unique aspects of colour and fun elements. In total we had 255 community members vote on their preference.

Option	Public Vote	Contractor / Vendor Name	Bid Amount
1	153 (68%)	Park N Play Design	\$232,770.27
2	49 (21.8%)	Park N Play Design	\$232,488.54
3	23 (10.2%)	Park and Water LTD.	\$199,117.95

Key highlights of the Option 1 design include:

- 2 Fabric Shade Structures
- GT Tri Runner (3-armed spinner)
- Various levels of challenges
- Sensory Panels
- Two areas for sliding play
- Wheelchair accessible
- Space Arch monkey bars

The original three proposals were originally within the budget but the project team wanted to ensure that the new equipment was a suitable replacement for the existing playground equipment at Lakeside Park. Each of the proponents were asked to add a spinning feature to their designs before seeking public opinion. The project team felt this addition to the park was a necessary fun component for a park that is in the heart of Kingsville.

If council supports the recommended action of Park N Play Design – Option 1 the intent is to complete this project during the Fall timeframe. Fall was chosen so the park would still be used this summer, and our community would not lose access to a park during “prime park time.” Once construction begins, the playground area will be fenced off, but the remainder of the park can still be enjoyed.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The recommended proposal exceeds the original \$200,000 budget by \$32,770.27. This overage can be offset by savings on other parks and recreation capital projects.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Park N Play Design takes a unique stance on their environmental responsibility. Their goal is to create products that are made from responsible materials, manufactured in a sustainable manner, and designed to be easily reclaimed at the end of their life cycle.

- More than 93% of materials in their products contain recycled content.

- Steel tubing is 100% recyclable and contains 50% post-consumer recycled materials.
- 100% recyclable EcoColour plastics are manufactured with recycled plastics.
- Aluminum uprights are 100% recyclable and contain 65% pre-consumer and 10% post-consumer recycled content.
- Steel decks and stairs are 100% recyclable and contain 30% pre-consumer and 68% post-consumer recycled content.
- 100% recycled plastics.
- Removal of the current playground will be recycled where applicable.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

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