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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **November 27, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture**

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SUBJECT: **Renewal of Award of Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 for Landscape Services of Street Medians**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information;
1. Approve the renewal of Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 to Alpine Landscaping Ltd. in the amount of \$465,510.05, including GST, for landscape services of street medians from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024;
2. Set the expenditure authorization limit for Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 at \$509,844.34 including GST and contingency; and
3. Authorize the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture to execute a one-year renewal of Contract No.1220-040-2021-065 and one remaining one-year optional extension for a total of two-years in favour of the City, subject to satisfactory performance and any other related considerations to a maximum amount of \$509,844.34 including contingency, applicable taxes and plus annual Vancouver area consumer price index ("CPI") rate increases.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to obtain Council approval to award the contract renewal for Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 with Alpine Landscaping Ltd. ("Alpine") for landscape services of street medians for a one-year term with the option to extend for an additional one-year renewal term.

BACKGROUND

In December 2021, the City Manager approved the award of Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 to Alpine in the amount of \$461,013.17, including contingency and GST, for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with the option to extend for up to three additional one-year renewal terms and authorized the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture ("GM PRC") to execute the initial contract and renewals.

In December 2022, the GM PRC approved the renewal of Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 with Alpine for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (second year of the four-year contract). Two optional one-year extensions remain in the existing contract period.

DISCUSSION

Regularly scheduled landscape maintenance on the city's arterial medians enhances the beauty of the city, mitigates stormwater runoff, provides habitat to support wildlife and ensures safe sightlines for road users and pedestrians.

Scope of Work

The Scope of Work related to Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 consists of all labour, materials, tools, equipment, and transportation necessary to provide landscape maintenance services across the 57,577 m² of City arterial medians included in this contract. This work includes litter, debris and weed control, bed surface and turf edge maintenance, and sightline pruning. There are a total of eight maintenance visits to each median in a calendar year.

Since the initial award in 2021, new arterial median inventory has been added to this contract as arterial medians are constructed and then turned over to Parks Landscape Operations for maintenance. The total amount of arterial medians maintained has increased by 2,217m², from 55,360 m² to 57,577 m². In addition to the added costs of maintaining new inventory, annual inflation has increased the value of the contract.

The value of Contract No. 1220-040-2021-065 for the second renewal period (third year of the four-year contract) from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 has increased past the threshold of City Manager approval to \$509,844.34, including contingency, applicable taxes and any future annual consumer price index ("CPI") rate increases and therefore Council approval is required.

Legal Services Review

This report has been reviewed by Legal Services.

FUNDING

Funding for this contract will be available in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department Operating Budget.

Laurie Cavan
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Parks, Recreation & Culture