

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Raymond Fiske
Councillor Jack Fancy
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Darlene Norman
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor Peter Waterman

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the Agenda be approved as presented:

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 OTHER:

3.1 Queens Skate Park Tender

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Inglis:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality award PW09-2016/2017 "Queens Skate Park Tender" to Propour Concrete Services Inc. at a cost of \$360,000.00 + HST.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Works, provided background for Tender PW09-2016/2017, Queens Skate Park. He stated that the tender for the skate park construction closed on September 15, 2016. Five tender packages were issued to qualified bidders with one tender submitted from Propour Concrete Services Inc. in the amount of \$360,000.00 + HST. Propour is located in Hubbards and have built many skate parks, most notably the one built in Chester approximately 10 years ago.

Basic services with the contract include layout, forming, placing and finishing concrete, plus the supply and placement of the rebar and miscellaneous metals. This work is highly specialized and requires skill, experience and exacting work to produce a successful skate park.

The shape, curves, tapers, bowl and flow areas are complicated with the geometric complexity very high.

The overall budget for this project is \$559,133.00. The original budget was \$529,133.00 plus an additional \$30,000.00 from the Province of Nova Scotia. Deducting the amount spent to date on the Geotechnical report, design, wages, rock removal, related miscellaneous work done on site and the \$360,000.00 for the tender, leaves a balance of \$155,000.00. This amount will fund the balance of the design fees, inspection costs, electrical costs, concrete purchase, labour, pipes, drainage, gravel and landscaping.

Generally, skate park design has evolved over the last decade. Skate parks continue to get better and better. The designer has international experience and is well known as a

premier designer. We have a state of the art design. The integrated features of the bowl and flow areas, with advances in the geometric complexity, leads to a greater user experience.

The street section will provide the balance of the site features typically seen in skate parks. The features will provide a means to test the skills of the advanced but also enable new and intermediate skaters to develop their skills.

Weather permitting we anticipate and hope to complete the construction this fall. If not, it will be early spring. Upon execution of the contracts, the contractor plans to be on site next week. The Region's forces are on site this week undertaking excavation and laying drainage pipe in preparation.

In response to Councillor MacLeod's enquiring on the design and the multi use of skaters. Mr. Rowter explained that the street section will consist of ramps, pipe rails, steps, with a flatter area with some curve elements at the end, and the bowl is a multi-depth with 3 different depth layers; 5 feet, 7 feet and 9 feet. The third element is the flow area which is a mix between the street and bowl sections, consisting of a lot of curves, with one flowing into the other.

Councillor MacLeod enquired on lighting in the area. Mr. Rowter explained that there will be security lighting with the addition of LED heads that will be erected on the three existing lamp standards. He explained that this is security lighting and not night time use lighting.

In response to Councillor Fancy's comment on the design and no static, Mr. Rowter stated that skaters had commented on the need to make the design clutter free to make it flow better.

Councillor Fralic enquired if there were ever any plans for night time use. Mr. Rowter explained that there were discussions with both the designer and user on night time use. These costs were not in the budget would be very costly. For additional lighting to a higher degree for use at night time, there would be additional cost for a future phase should Council wish to consider.

Mr. Rowter noted that lights to allow night time use would need to provide a very high degree of illumination so as not to create shadows over the various curves and obstacles. Poor or inadequate lighting is worse than no lighting.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

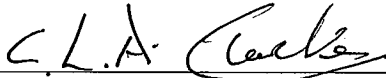
Councillor Fancy commented on the drought situation throughout the Region and enquired if the Region could assist those in need, who cannot afford to have their wells filled by the fire departments. Mayor Clarke asked that Councillors speak to him outside of the council meeting.

Heather Cook, Community Development Coordinator, provided the locations throughout the Region that we will have bottled water available for pickup, donated by the Retail Council of Nova Scotia and distributed via EMO Nova Scotia:

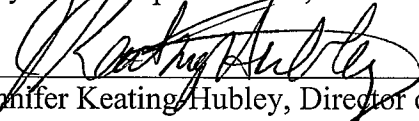
Mary Lake Home Hardware, Caledonia
Stews Corner Convenience and Gas, Greenfield
Brady's Home Building Centre, Brooklyn
Coastal Queens Place, Highway 103
Region of Queens Administration Building (back parking lot), Liverpool

4. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating Hubley, Director of Finance



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: September 27, 2016