

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Arena Road Replacement and Optimist Park Project Tender

**Prepared By:** Mike Murphy, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

**Department:** Recreation

**Date:** July 30, 2019

**Report Number:** REC2019-16                      **File Number:** C11, REC

**Attachments:** Drawing of Road and Playground Area  
Tender Review Document- BM Ross

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2019-19 - Arena Road Replacement and Optimist Park Project Tender, prepared by Mike Murphy, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation and in doing so accepts the tender submission of The Murray Group Limited in the total amount of \$213, 717.57 and further approves a By-law coming forward entering into an agreement with The Murray Group Limited.

### Report:

#### Background:

At a site visit in 2018, it was discussed and identified that the Optimist Playground equipment was at the end of its useful life and that a replacement should be planned rather than enhancing the existing space. In the planning stages staff identified the safety and risks associated with the current location of the entranceway and playground equipment. Staff have been researching solutions to minimize the risks of the current location of the playground and road. It was determined that a relocation of the entranceway would allow for the Optimist Playground to be moved to a safer area of play for those using the playground, and to an area that was more accessible for all residents. During the 2019 budget deliberations, staff included the projected costs associated with relocating the road entrance.

BM Ross prepared the tender document on behalf of the Municipality of Brockton and released it to the public on Thursday July 11, 2019. The tender was emailed to prospective plan takers and advertised on BM Ross' website as well as the municipalities' website.

## **Analysis:**

Tender submissions were opened on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. by Mike Murphy, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, Tayler Grubb, Operations/CAO Administrative Assistant, John Strader, Roads Supervisor and a BM Ross representative. Two submissions were submitted from The Murray Group Limited in the amount of \$299,034.72 including HST and Kurtis Smith Excavating in the amount of \$342,164.00 including HST.

As these tenders both came in higher than the amount set in the 2019 Budget, and both tender submissions included provisional items of a modular wall, railing and paving, staff and BM Ross reviewed options to make a slight change in the specifications of the accessible playground. The playground was tendered at a size of 50' x 50' and with a slight change in dimensions to 42.5' x 60' the need for a modular wall and railing is eliminated, therefore decreasing the total tendered amount. BM Ross noted in the original request for tenders that the dimensions of the playground were subject to change, so that all tenderers were aware in advance of this possible change.

Attached is a detailed tender review from BM Ross Engineer, Darren Alexander recommending the Municipality of Brockton accept the tender of The Murray Group Limited in the amount of \$213,717.57 (Tendered Amount, Less Provisional Paving, Modular Wall and Railing, with 1.76% Net HST). This amount is the total cost to the Municipality of Brockton, including the HST rebate.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by October 4, 2019. Staff will contact The Optimist Club to notify them of the change of specifications of the playground and will liaison with the club in order to coordinate the placement of the new playground equipment.

The Optimist Club has been actively fundraising, as well as applying to grants for their purchase of new playground equipment. The new playground is contingent on the relocation of the road (please see attached drawing). The municipality has also received Spruce the Bruce funding for new signage at the Optimist Park located at the Walkerton Community Centre.

## **Sustainability Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy?       | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity?     | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity?           | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity?                 | N/A |

## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The total project was budgeted within the Wastewater Treatment Budget, as well as the Recreation Community Centre Budget. There was \$108,322 from the Wastewater Treatment Capital Budget, which was funded from Reserve Funds. Plus, \$108,322 from the Recreation Capital Budget, which was borrowed funds. Combined there was a total of \$216,644 for the completion of this project.

**Reviewed By:**



**Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer**

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



**Mike Murphy, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation**

**Reviewed By:**



**Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer**