


CASTLEGAR

AGENDA
Special Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 27, 2009

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Community Forum,
#101, 445 – 13th Avenue,
Castlegar, B.C.

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Transportation and Civic Works:
- 7th Avenue & 5th Street Sidewalk Improvements –
Recommendation for Award
4. Review of Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives
Funding Applications and Recommendation of Funding
Allocations
5. Adjournment

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April, 2009 and posted in
accordance with Section 127 of the Community Charter.


Andre W. Buss
Director of Financial Services



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: April 23, 2009 **REPORT NO.:** 09-99
SUBMITTED BY: Chris Cochran, DTCW **FILE NO.:** 1855-20.L1, 5400-90, 2320-20135
SUBJECT: 7th Ave & 5th St Sidewalk Improvements – Recommendation for Award

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council instruct staff to proceed with award of the 7th Ave & 5th St Sidewalk Improvements contract to COPCAN Contracting Ltd., for a total price of **\$445,192 plus GST**. Further it is recommended that Council authorize staff to execute the necessary documents.

That Council instruct staff to proceed with obtaining a price from the contractor for the installation of yellow tactile warning panels on sidewalk let-downs, to aid the visually impaired.

That Council instruct staff to seek approval from the Grant Authority to expend the balance of remaining grant funds, in the amount of approximately \$225,000, on additional community sidewalk enhancement work.

PURPOSE

- To award the contract and commence construction of the sidewalks on 7th Ave. and 5th St.;
- To provide assistance to the visually impaired who may utilize the sidewalk;
- To fully expend available Local Motion Grant funds awarded to the City on further sidewalk enhancement work.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan identifies initiatives for the provision of a continuous north-south pedestrian and cyclist link through the City. Sections of 7th Avenue and 5th Street are identified in the plan as a priority that once complete, will enable safe passage of pedestrians and cyclists from the areas of the Health Unit and Rota Villa to the schools and Millennium Park.

The City was successful in obtaining a Local Motion Grant for the 7th Avenue and 5th Street Sidewalk Improvement project. After announcement of the successful grant application, the work was tendered and five compliant bids were received as follows; all bids include GST:

• Civil Tech Services Ltd.	\$ 729,317.40
• COPCAN Contracting Ltd.	\$ 467,451.60
• Maglio Installations Ltd.	\$ 514,236.81
• Marwest Industries Ltd.	\$ 575,841.00
• Windley Contracting Ltd.	\$ 537,037.20

COPCAN Contracting Ltd. is the low bidder and recommended contractor for this project. They have the experience and resources required to complete the work and the City has had a very good working relationship with the firm in the past.

The recommendation for inclusion of tactile warning panels on sidewalk let-downs, will provide assistance to the visually impaired who may travel the route between the Health Unit, Rota Villa, Talerico Place, the schools, and Millennium Park. The inclusion of these warning devices would undoubtedly be viewed favourably by the recently formed Abilities Awareness Committee. It is important to note that this technology has not been applied in Castlegar and would only proceed if deemed to be appropriate for the region given the winter climates and municipal maintenance operations.

Lastly, a recommendation is being made to seek Council and Grant Authority approval to expend surplus capital and grant funds on additional sidewalk renewal. This is recommended so that the City may realize the maximum benefit of the grant award through increased infrastructure renewal; and, to provide increased construction employment opportunity within the community.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not endorse inclusion of tactile warning panels in the project scope.

Do not endorse a proposal to the Ministry to apply surplus funds towards additional sidewalk improvements.

IMPLICATIONS

- (1) Social** Tactile warning panels will aid the visually impaired.
- (2) Environmental** Improved sidewalk infrastructure will advance the ongoing community initiative to reduce green house gas emissions by providing a safe alternative to driving.
- (3) Personnel** Will increase amount of infrastructure to maintain including winter snow clearing.
- (4) Financial** This project may be funded from the 2009 Budget, account number 02.2.830.2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Cochran, ASCT
Director of Transportation & Civic Works

Approved by GAO:



John Malcolm

