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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 30, 2016
FROM:	J. M. FLEMING MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER
SUBJECT:	SPRINGBANK PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE SPONSORED BY JENNY JONES - LONDON HOMETOWN HERO PROJECT -

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, the following actions **BE TAKEN** in regards to the Springbank Park Playground Upgrade, sponsored by Jenny Jones:

- a) The winning playground proposal selected through a Request for Qualifications and a detailed Request for Proposals **BE AWARDED** to **New World Park Solutions** in the amount of **\$224,918.46** (HST excluded) as per Section 12.0 of the City's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, **IT BEING NOTED THAT** Jenny Jones is substantially funding the acquisition;
- b) the financing for this project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Sources of Financing Report attached hereto as Appendix A;
- c) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project, and;
- d) Ms. Jenny Jones **BE THANKED** for her financial contribution to this project.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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None.

BACKGROUND

Context

Former TV host Jenny Jones selected the upgrade of the Springbank Park Playground as the winning submission for her London Hometown Hero project, where she committed to donate US\$100,000.00 (CAN\$136,578.00) towards a project idea submitted by local residents. Ms. Jones received many submissions for considerations, but selected Shelah Brook's proposal, who made a compelling case for a major upgrade to the playground in Springbank Park. Ms. Jones grew up in London and remembers playing at this playground as a child. As the sponsor of the project, she also participated with the review committee in the short-listing of suppliers and final selection of playground equipment.

The City of London would contribute an additional \$25,000.00 towards this playground enhancement, originally bringing the total value of the playground project (play equipment and safety surfacing) to approximately \$160,000.00. The City would also assume responsibility for removals and site preparation.

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Procurement Process

The Corporation of the City of London issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQUAL) to seek playground equipment suppliers who were interested, qualified and capable to design, supply and install playground equipment and safety surfacing for the redevelopment of the existing play space located in Springbank Park.

The RFQUAL was an open, publically advertised first stage of a two-stage process that is administered in accordance with the City of London Procurement of Goods and Services Policy. Ten (10) submissions were received and reviewed by an evaluation team comprised of representation from key Service Areas including Environmental and Parks Planning, Parks Operations, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Shelah Brook, and our sponsor, Jenny Jones. The evaluation process was facilitated by Purchasing & Supply.

Three (3) suppliers were short-listed, as being the best qualified for this particular project. Short-listing was based on the material submitted and took into consideration:

- o Company’s specific experience on similar projects of a comparable scale;
- o Design philosophy, approach and methodology regarding the creation of play experiences;
- o Design philosophy, approach and methodology regarding accessibility and inclusive play; and
- o Ability to act as general contractor to install both the playground equipment and the safety surfacing.

Through this process, Ms. Jones offered to increase her donation by a further US\$10,000.00 (CAN\$13,733.00) to secure larger and more accessible play equipment, bringing her contribution to CAN\$150,311.00 and our total project budget to CAN\$175,311.00.

The three (3) selected suppliers were then invited to move to the second stage of the process and to submit two proposals each in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for playground equipment and safety surfacing. The same team reviewed the proposals based on the following criteria:

- o Play value and variety of play experiences
- o Accessibility
- o Appearance and novelty
- o Quality and durability of materials
- o Warranty details and maintenance requirements
- o Price
- o Completeness and clarity of the submission

The review team came to the conclusion that the six proposals needed further refinement, mainly to better address accessibility requirements to provide a rich play experience to all children, including those with various disabilities. It was also determined that a full rubberized surface is the preferred surface treatment to improve access but also facilitate maintenance of the play area in the long term. Ms. Jones generously offered to increase her donation again to cover this cost, by a further US\$36,129.00 (CAN\$49,659.00) bringing her total contribution to CAN\$200,000.00, and our total project budget to CAN\$225,000.00. A post-addendum was issued with the additional and revised requirements and each proponent was asked to refine one of their two proposals submitted.

In the end, it was agreed that Proposal 1 submitted by New World Park Solutions in the amount of \$224,918.46 (HST excluded) was the best proposal for this playground project. With the input of the Accessibility Advisory Committee chair and staff specialists for accessible playgrounds, the selected equipment satisfies the technical requirements of Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and Canadian Safety Standards for Children’s Playspaces and Equipment from Canadian Standards Association CAN/CSA-Z614-14.

In addition to the play equipment and safety surfacing, the City will also provide an additional \$31,000.00 within approved budgets to improve pathways and site furniture around the play

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area to ensure compliance with AODA standards for access to the play space. We will also include \$4,000.00 to cover for the non-refundable portion of the HST, bringing our additional contribution to \$35,000.00.

In summary, the total investment in the Springbank Park Playground Upgrade Project is CAN\$260,000, of which CAN\$200,000 will be funded by Jenny Jones, and CAN \$60,000 will be funded from approved City of London capital budgets.

Consultation

To comply with the consultation requirements of AODA, the winning design for the play equipment, accessible route to the play area, rest areas and passing areas, and amenities along this route will be posted for public comments regarding accessibility. Suggestions that greatly improve accessibility may be incorporated into the final project.

Project Schedule

It is anticipated that the playground construction will happen in time for a grand opening event scheduled on June 18th, 2016 that Jenny Jones, our sponsor, will attend.

Conclusion

The generous donation made by Jenny Jones will allow the City of London to upgrade the Springbank Park play space with new playground equipment that is contemporary, exciting and accessible for all to enjoy in the years to come. It will provide a rich play experience for all children, including those with disabilities.

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CONCURRED BY:	
A. L. BARBON DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL SERVICES FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES	
RECOMMENDED BY:	
JOHN M. FLEMING, MCIP, RPP MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER	

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 March 18, 2016
 (Award Contract)

Chair and Members
 Community and Protective Services Committee

**RE: Springbank Park Playground Upgrade Sponsored by Jenny Jones
 London Hometown Hero Project
 (Subledger P0011601)
 Capital Project PD1173-15 - Springbank Park Upgrades
 Capital Project PD1282-15 - Maintain Neighbourhood Parks
 New World Park Solutions - \$224,918.46 (excluding H.S.T.)**

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT ON THE SOURCES OF FINANCING:

Finance & Corporate Services confirms that the cost of this project can be accommodated within the financing available for it in the Capital Works Budget and that, subject to the adoption of the recommendations of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, the detailed source of financing for this project is:

<u>SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Committed to Date</u>	<u>This Submission</u>	<u>Balance for Future Work</u>
<u>PD1173-15-Springbank Park Upgrades</u>				
Engineering	\$50,000			\$50,000
Construction	99,000		28,906	70,094
Construction-Jenny Jones London Hometown Hero	199,970		199,970	0
City Related Expenses	1,000			1,000
	<u>349,970</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>228,876</u>	<u>121,094</u>
<u>PD1282-15-Maintain Neighbourhood Parks</u>				
Construction	218,138	56,891	35,616	125,631
City Related Expenses	1,862	1,862		0
	<u>220,000</u>	<u>58,753</u>	<u>35,616</u>	<u>125,631</u>
NET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	<u>\$569,970</u>	<u>\$58,753</u>	<u>\$264,492</u> 1)	<u>\$246,725</u>
<u>SUMMARY OF FINANCING:</u>				
<u>PD1173-15-Springbank Park Upgrades</u>				
Capital Levy	\$150,000		\$28,906	\$121,094
Other Contributions-Jenny Jones	199,970		199,970	0
	<u>349,970</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>228,876</u>	<u>121,094</u>
<u>PD1282-15-Maintain Neighbourhood Parks</u>				
Capital Levy	220,000	58,753	35,616	125,631
TOTAL FINANCING	<u>\$569,970</u>	<u>\$58,753</u>	<u>\$264,492</u>	<u>\$246,725</u>
1) FINANCIAL NOTE:				
	<u>PD1173-15</u>	<u>PD1282-15</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Contract Price	\$224,918	\$35,000	\$259,918	
Add: HST @13%	29,239	4,550	33,789	
Total Contract Price Including Taxes	<u>254,157</u>	<u>39,550</u>	<u>293,707</u>	
Less: HST Rebate	25,281	3,934	29,215	
Net Contract Price	<u>\$228,876</u>	<u>\$35,616</u>	<u>\$264,492</u>	

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Alan Dunbar
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