

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Quidi Vidi Park Pump Track Funding
Date Prepared: February 2, 2022
Report To: Regular Meeting of Council
Councillor and Role: Councillor Sandy Hickman, Public Works
Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Decision is required on the additional funding needed to award the Design and Construction of the Quidi Vidi Park Pump Track.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The City was approached by AMBA (Avalon Mountain Bike Association) in March 2021 with a funding request to construct a Pump Track in the City. See attached proposal. The estimated total cost of the track at that time was between \$150,000-\$175,000. AMBA already indicated that they had a major donation from Canary Cycles of \$100,000 and the request from the City was \$60,000.

During initial discussions it was agreed that a location adjacent to Quidi Vidi Lake worked well for all stakeholders.

A DN (attached) went to Council in May of 2021 with a recommendation to approve \$60,000 in funding from the Parks and Open Space Reserve Fund to contribute to the project (attached). The City at that time agreed to administer the project.

Council approved the recommendation (attached).

After approval, the City issued an RFP for design and construction services. This type of project requires a design but there is a field fit component to it as well which means the designer is also the contractor unlike most other capital works projects. For that reason, a design build approach was used. The first RFP included submissions from two proponents. After review it was determined that neither met the minimum technical component to proceed to opening the cost.

A second open call for proposals was issued in the Fall of 2021. This time we received two proponent submissions again and one met the minimum technical score and the cost was opened. The cost proposal is \$315,694.94 with HST. This is approximately double the

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available funding to date. As part of the RFP, the City stated that pending the project cost and the funding available at that time, the City may proceed with design only and construction will follow when enough funding was raised.

Prior to recommending award to Council however, the City requested the contractor confirm that they were OK with this and provided an opportunity to negotiate some of the terms if the construction wasn't completed in 2022. Since there is no guarantee when the construction would be completed and the uncertainty in material and labour costs, the contractor did not want to move forward with the design only at this time without the construction component.

It should be noted that AMBA has raised approximately \$110,000 to date with an additional \$60,000 from the City. This leaves a shortfall of \$150,000.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications:

\$150,000 from the Parks and Open Space Reserve Fund required to supplement the funding to date.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

Avalon Mountain Bike Association (AMBA)
Park Users – Cyclists, Scooter/Skateboarder/Wheelchair Users
Community Donors

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

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4. Legal or Policy Implications:

Agreements required with Community Donors

5. Privacy Implications:

N/A

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

N/A

7. Human Resource Implications:

N/A

8. Procurement Implications:

Design and Construction as per the Public Procurement Act

9. Information Technology Implications:

N/A

10. Other Implications:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council fund the shortfall (\$150,000) from the Parks and Open Space Reserve so the contract can be awarded. Executed agreements for the payment of community donations to date are required before award.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Pump Track Project Proposal for the City of St. John's.pdf - DN May 5, 2021.pdf - SJMC-R-2021-05-10221.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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