

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2001

SUBJECT: Notification Of Procurement - Surface Garbage Removal

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report as notification of award for the pick-up and disposal of garbage and newspaper bundles from TTC subway stations to Miller Waste Systems, for an upset limit contract in the amount of \$200,000.00. The duration of this contract will be from January 2, 2001 to March 31, 2001.

FUNDING

Funds to accommodate this expenditure were not included in the 2001 TTC Operating Budget, however, every effort will be made to identify under-expenditures to cover these unbudgeted costs.

BACKGROUND

Garbage and recycled newspapers have in the past been collected via garbage cars operating in the subway system. Garbage and newspapers would be collected from receptacles during the course of the operating day by janitorial staff and stored in garbage rooms at platform level. The garbage bags and newspaper bundles would then be placed on the platform, during the afternoon shift, for pick-up by the garbage cars. Garbage cars start at 10:30 p.m. to collect garbage and newspapers during revenue service so that track work during service shutdown is not impacted. The garbage and newspapers would then be taken to Greenwood or Wilson Yards for disposal or recycling.

DISCUSSION

On December 8, 2000, a fire occurred at Old Mill Station when garbage bags ignited on the garbage car while in transit. This fire has caused staff to review the fireload within the subway and to eliminate the potential risk to customers and employees. Consequently, pending a final recommendation, staff have determined that garbage and recycled newspapers will be collected at street level.

On December 15, 2000, an invitation to tender was forwarded to four companies for the pick-up and disposal of garbage and newspapers and a second pricing option for the pick-up and disposal of garbage and recycling of newspapers from Commission subway stations for a 90-day trial period. On December 19, 2000, four companies responded, as summarized in Appendix 'A'.

The lowest pricing was received for the pick-up and disposal of garbage and newspapers from Capital Environmental Resource in the amount of \$138,094.20. For the second option, pick-up and disposal of garbage and recycling of newspapers, the lowest pricing was received from Miller Waste Systems in the amount of \$201,305.52. Staff reviewed the two submissions and recommend the recycling of newspapers option, as it will ensure that TTC conduct their operations in a manner that reduces potentially adverse effects on the environment and promotes the overall environmental benefits of public transit.

In order to eliminate the potential risk as quickly as possible, on December 21, 2000, staff received approval from the Chief General Manager to award a contract to Miller Waste Systems, in the total upset limit amount of \$200,000.00, for the pick-up and disposal of garbage and recycling of newspapers commencing January 2, 2001.

A report will be submitted to the February 27, 2001 Commission Meeting, which will include identification of options and related costs and a recommendation for a long-term garbage removal system.

In a matter related to the subway recycling of newspapers option, staff retained the services of Earth Tech Canada Inc., an environmental consulting company, to conduct a reconnaissance waste audit at eight subway stations over a seven-day (January 7-13) period. Earth Tech Canada will develop a waste characteristic profile for each of these stations and propose recommendations for recycling based on the types and volumes of waste generated. These recommendations will be included in the above referenced February Commission report.

JUSTIFICATION

Acceptance of this tender will remove further risk of the fireload within the subway. In addition, the trial period will allow staff the opportunity to review and streamline the garbage and newspaper collection process.

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Attachment: Appendix 'A'

Appendix 'A'

NOTIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT

– SURFACE GARBAGE REMOVAL

TENDER NO. T31T0172

PICK-UP AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND RECYCLING OF NEWSPAPERS FROM COMMISSION SUBWAY STATIONS	
COMPANY	TOTAL PRICES
*Miller Waste Systems	\$201,305.52
Capital Environment	\$229,675.50
Canadian Waste	\$293,810.90

*** Recommend an upset limit award to Miller Waste Systems in the amount of \$200,000.00**

PICK-UP AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND NEWSPAPERS	
COMPANY	TOTAL PRICES
Capital Environment	\$138,094.20
Canadian Waste	\$203,000.40
J&K Disposal	\$205,778.39

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