

Meeting Date: September 16, 2024
Department: Community Services
Report No.: CS-2024-38
Submitted by: Robert Lilbourne, Director of Community Services
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Backstop Replacement Tender – Jays Care Foundation**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Report CS-2024-38 Backstop Replacement Tender – Jays Care Foundation Award be received for information, and further;

THAT: Council approve the awarding of the Backstop Replacement Tender to Simpson Fence of London, ON for the value of \$60,512.59 plus HST.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2024, Council and staff were informed that Strathroy-Caradoc successfully secured a grant from the Jays Care Foundation's Field of Dreams program. As Council may recall, this project involves relocating the hardball diamond from Alexandra Park to the Bantam Diamond at Yorkview Community Park. The diamond in Alexandra Park will be modified to accommodate slow pitch, fastball, and minor baseball, ensuring continued play at that location.

There are several components to this project, with the replacement of the backstop at Yorkview Community Park being the first step. The total project cost is budgeted at \$275,000.00, which was approved in the 2024 Capital Budget. Of this amount, \$125,000.00 will be provided by the Jays Care Foundation.

COMMENTS:

The Backstop Replacement Tender was advertised on the Municipality's Bids and Tenders page of our Website. The project had 4 bid submissions.

At the time of closing the Municipality received 4 bid submissions.

Simpson Fence	London ON	\$ 60,512.59
South West Fence and Deck	Sarnia, ON	\$ 66,427.00
Vugar Construction	Cambridge, ON	\$ 73,785.00
Fortress Fencing	Blyth, ON	\$ 118,786.69

After reviewing the bids staff are recommending Simpson Fence of London ON.

The recommended company is low bidder, and met all the requirements.

CONSULTATION:

Supervisor of Parks and Recreational Facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$60,512.59 will be allocated from the approved 2024 Capital Budget, which has a total value of \$275,000.00. This phase of the project had a budgeted amount of \$70,750.00

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local Infrastructure and Capital Investment: Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc will be supported by reliable, financially responsible, and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

ATTACHMENTS:

None