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REPORT TITLE: **RESIDENT CEILING LIFT INSTALLATION AND MODIFICATIONS AT VARIOUS LONG TERM CARE CENTRES, PROJECT E10-10150 DOCUMENT 2010-516N**

FROM: R. Kent Gillespie, Commissioner of Employee and Business Services
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Contract (Document 2010-516N) for Resident Ceiling Lift Installation and Modifications at Region of Peel Long Term Care Centres in the amount of \$783,686.74 (exclusive of applicable taxes), be awarded to Newgen Construction Corporation in accordance with Purchasing By-Law 63-2008.

And further, that additional funds in the amount of \$200,000 be provided to Capital Project 09-5475 Long Term Care - Lifts, financed from the Seniors Equipment Reserve, R2291.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- A program was initiated in 2009 to reinvest Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) and some Capital redevelopment surpluses to fund the installation of new and upgraded resident lift systems in all five Regional Long Term Care Centres to help reduce musculoskeletal disorder injuries suffered by staff.
- On June 2, 2010 the Region issued a Tender Document for Resident Ceiling Lift Installation and Modifications at Various Long Term Care Centres, one submission was received which was significantly over budget and was subsequently cancelled.
- Document 2010-516N was negotiated with Newgen Construction Corporation with new pricing for 66 ceiling lifts.

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DISCUSSION

1. Background

The installation of ceiling lifts has become a necessity in order to preserve and protect the health of staff who work in Long Term Care (LTC) Centres due to the many lifting and transferring tasks associated with elderly residents. In 2007, musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) staff injuries represented 64 per cent of all lost time claims in the LTC Centres.

As part of an ongoing Regional effort to ensure the safety of LTC staff members and residents, a program was initiated in 2009 to reinvest WSIB and some Capital re-development surpluses to fund the installation of new and upgraded resident lift systems in all five Regional LTC Centres to help reduce MSD injuries suffered by staff members when transferring or repositioning residents.

As specified in a previous Council Report dated October 28, 2008, it was recommended that surplus funds be reinvested towards workplace wellness and safety, with the objective of reducing injuries and reducing workplace health and safety costs and improving workforce productivity. The amount of \$583,686.74 was identified as available for ceiling lifts.

2. Purchasing Process

On June 2, 2010 the Region issued a Tender Document for Resident Ceiling Lift Installation and Modifications at Various Long Term Care Centres. The Document was publically advertised and on closing received only one submission; from Newgen Construction Corporation (Newgen). The submission was significantly over budget and was subsequently cancelled.

Through direct negotiations new pricing was obtained from Newgen under Document 2010-516N, which was deemed reasonable. Staff proceeded to obtain the Chief Financial Officer's approval to award Phase 1 of the work in order to achieve the construction completion deadlines and make use of the available WSIB funding. Newgen has agreed to have all work complete by the stipulated project deadlines.

The original tender was for the provision of 69 ceiling lifts. This was reduced to 50 with 21 ceiling lifts for Phase 1 and 29 ceiling lifts for Phase 2 to come within the funds available.

3. Proposed Direction

In order to achieve most of the original scope of work (69 ceiling lifts), 16 additional ceiling lifts would be required at a cost of \$200,000. This work increases the total contract to \$783,686.74. Council approval is required to award amounts beyond Phase 1 being the Phase 2, 29 ceiling lifts plus an additional 16 ceiling lifts.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this portion of the project is available in the amount of \$583,686.74 in Capital Project 09-5475.

It is proposed that additional funds of \$200,000 (excluding applicable taxes), be provided to Capital Project LTC – Lifts 09-5475 financed from the Seniors Equipment Reserve R2291. The increase in funding brings the total funding for this portion of the project to \$783,686.74.



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