
DATE: September 4, 2012

REPORT TITLE: **PEEL YOUTH VILLAGE AND ACORN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
DOCUMENT 2012-347P**

FROM: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the contract (Document 2012-347P) for the provision of Peel Youth Village and Acorn Community Programs be awarded to Supportive Housing In Peel (SHIP) in the estimated amount of \$2,341,402 (excluding applicable taxes) in accordance with Purchasing By-law 63-2008;

And further, that authority be given to award the contract for four additional twelve month periods, based on satisfactory service, performance, and pricing, in an amount not to exceed the approved operating budgets for Human Services for the Peel Youth Village and Acorn Community Programs for each optional period;

And further, that authority be given to increase/extend this contract for similar requirements to the limit of the Human Services approved program operating budgets for the Peel Youth Village and Acorn Community Programs where actual annual requirements exceed the estimates.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Peel Youth Village (PYV), located at 99 Acorn Place in Mississauga, Ontario, is a four storey building that serves as a housing, recreation, training, and education centre for up to 48 youths in transition, and operates twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.
- Youths between the ages of 16 - 30 reside at Peel Youth Village and the objective of PYV is to provide youths with the support required to secure employment, housing, and independence within the community.
- The surrounding Acorn community, one of the highest density non-profit housing communities in Peel, also has the opportunity to access supports and resources from Peel Youth Village in order to assist in acquiring the necessary skills that will lead them towards independence.
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued competitively and Supportive Housing In Peel is recommended for the award.

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DISCUSSION

1. Background

In May 1999, the Final Report from the Peel Regional Task Force on Homelessness was released. The Task Force found that the resources in the community and the number of shelter beds available for youth in Peel were insufficient to meet the current demand. In the Final Report, the Peel Regional Task Force made the following recommendations to address youth homelessness in the Region of Peel:

- Establish links among agencies that could lead to the development of a network assisting youth;
- Develop a strategy for reducing homelessness in the youth population in the Region of Peel; and
- Develop concrete services including housing within the Region of Peel.

Work on the implementation of the recommendations from the Task Force resulted in a partnership between the Region of Peel and the Peel Homeless Youth Network to establish PYV. Peel Youth Village is unique in that it provides housing, as well as the necessary supports to empower youths to attain independence within the community.

Peel Living, the Region's municipal non-profit housing company, approved the donation of the land at 99 Acorn Place for the facility. On December 12, 2002, Regional Council formally approved the construction of PYV. Peel Youth Village is a four storey building that serves as a housing and recreational complex, training and education centre.

In May 2005, as a result of the procurement process the YMCA of Greater Toronto was selected as the successful proponent to provide programming services to Peel Youth Village and the Acorn Community for a period of eighteen months from July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006 with the provision for extensions for four additional twelve month periods.

On December 16, 2010, Regional Council approved staff's recommendation that the contract between the Region and YMCA of Greater Toronto be extended for a further twelve month period commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011, with the option of two additional six month periods ending December 31, 2012.

This additional extension in 2012 enabled staff to complete a business review of the service system delivery model, costs and outcomes that impact programs delivered through Peel Youth Village and prepare a Program Proposal with a long term vision of Peel Youth Village's role in the homelessness continuum.

2. Selection Process

On behalf of Human Services, Purchasing issued RFP Document 2012-347P for the provision of Program Services to Peel Youth Village and Acorn Community on July 19, 2012. The document was advertised in the Mississauga News and the Brampton Guardian on Friday July 20, 2012, and the Bolton/Caledon Enterprise on Tuesday, July 24, 2012. In addition it was posted on the Region's Internet site and the Ontario Public Buyers Association Internet site on the issue date of the document. There were two addenda issued during the proposal period. Three submissions were received.

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Proposals submitted by Supportive Housing In Peel (SHIP), Paul Dowling Consulting/Salvation Army and YMCA of Greater Toronto (the current provider) were received on time and the documents were found to be in order. The proposals were submitted in two parts; the first being the technical component and the second the financial component. The Technical Evaluation Team reviewed the submissions in accordance with the set criteria. The evaluation criteria included the vendor's background and expertise, qualifications and experience of proposed staff, the methodology and approach to proposed services as well as additional value added information.

The evaluation summary is as follows:

Vendor Name and Location	Technical (80 per cent)	Financial (20 per cent)	Price Submitted	Overall Ranking
Supportive Housing In Peel Mississauga, ON	1	2	\$2,341,402	1
YMCA of Greater Toronto Toronto, ON	2	3	\$2,390,962	2
Paul Dowling Consulting/Salvation Army Toronto, ON	3	1	\$1,860,016	3

SHIP also provided an approach that highlighted a detailed analytical methodology and creative approach for the project. Their work plan provided detail with regards to their organizational capacity and experience, their knowledge of community resources, and their ability to manage and resolve potential issues. Upon completion of the technical evaluation, the purchasing representative completed the financial analysis. The scores were then combined and the overall ranking determined.

SHIP has administered housing and support services in Peel for twenty five years and as an organization has consistently taken a proactive approach in addressing the needs of its client population while maintaining constant vigilance in its accountability to the public. SHIP has continued to evolve service practices in response to community needs and the Organization plans to apply its successful approaches in the execution of its programming services for residents at PYV and the Acorn Community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

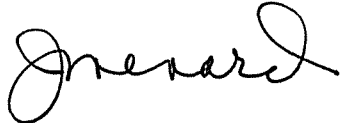
SHIP requires \$2,341,402 to deliver the programming components for Peel Youth Village and the Acorn Community for the period January 01, 2013 to December 31, 2013. There is no impact to the Regional budget as a result of the award of this contract. Funding for this program is made available through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) which is part of Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS).

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CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the contract for programming services at Peel Youth Village and Acorn Community be awarded to SHIP. Peel Youth Village was established to be responsive to the changing and emerging needs of homeless youth and to increase Acorn community's capacity by providing access to much needed services. SHIP has ascertained in its proposal that it has extensive experience and an established reputation in the Peel community for executing and sustaining housing options and providing quality services.



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