DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Request for Proposals 2018247

Integrated Wildlife Management Plan

Date Prepared: January 17, 2019

Report To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

Councillor and Role: N/A

Ward: Not ward specific

Decision/Direction Required:

Council Decision to award services for an Integrated Wildlife Management Plan for the Robin Hood Bay Regional Waste Management Facility.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

It is a requirement under Robin Hood Bay's (RHB) Provincial Certificate of Approval that we maintain and control vectors, rodents, bird and wildlife that may scavenge or develop populations at the facility. In order to effectively manage gulls at the RHB site, an Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP) was implemented in 2013 to control the numbers and flight patterns of seagulls that use the site for habitation.

RHB is located approximately 4 km to the southeast of St. John's International Airport (SJIA). From an aviation industry safety perspective, airport environments that support large numbers of gulls can increase the potential for bird/aircraft interactions. Gulls have been identified as a major hazard for aircraft at SJIA due to their relatively large size and flocking behavior.

Operational representatives from RHB and SJIA meet annually to discuss the effectiveness of the RHB IWMP and the impact on the airport's operations. At the last meeting, SJIA indicated that they have seen a decline in seagull activity on the airport property which suggests that the program in place at RHB has been successful.

The initial IWMP contract awarded in 2013 expired in December 2018. The City issued an RFP to provide this service in up to the end of 2020 with an option to extend a year if mutually agreed upon. The contract is to provide on-site service 12 hours/day, 365 days per year.

The RFP closed on December 7, 2018 and proposals were received from the following companies:

- 1. Rentokil Pest Control Canada Ltd.
- 2. Orkin Canada
- 3. Pacific Northwest Raptors Ltd.

The proposals were reviewed, evaluated and rated by an evaluation committee. The highest ranked proposal was submitted by Rentokil Pest Control Canada Ltd.

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Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications

Funding is available in the operational budget for Robin Hood Bay.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders

St. John's International Airport Authority

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans

Responsive and Progressive

Providing due diligence to ensure aviation safety for St. John's International Airport.

A Culture of Co-operation

The City of St. John's works along with the St. John's Airport Authority to ensure the effectiveness of this program.

4. Legal or Policy Implications

N/A

5. Engagement and Communications Considerations

N/A

6. Human Resource Implications

N/A

7. Procurement Implications

Contractor to supply all labour and materials to carry out scope of work of this RFP.

8. Information Technology Implications

N/A

9. Other Implications

N/A

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the contract for an Integrated Wildlife Management Plan be awarded to Rentokil Pest Control in the amount of \$409,944.00 + HST. This is the total cost over the two-year period of the contract (i.e., \$17,081 per month).

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