

Memo



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Award of Tender - Operational Fuel Treatment Contract

The Town of Lake Cowichan invited proposals from qualified firms and/or individuals ("Proponents") on an operational fuel reduction project, which involves hazard tree removal, thinning from below, surface fuel reduction, pruning and debris removal on 18 hectares of land at two sites – Blocks 1 and 2 at Lakeview area - in the Town of Lake Cowichan. This is a provincially approved project funded through the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI) and the Town of Lake Cowichan. The specific objective of this project is to increase resiliency of the western flanks of the Town of Lake Cowichan from wildfire hazards. The project is consistent with the current Town of Lake Cowichan Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for undertaking a Fuel Management Treatment for the project area according to Fuel Management Prescriptions already developed and approved.

The Town of Lake Cowichan requesting submission of proposals from Proponent(s) with proven experience in this area twice.

Upon the second closing date and time, two proposals were received; one from Osprey Forest Operations Ltd. and the second from South Okanagan Tree Works. The tender price of the latter will be covered by the grant approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

that Council approve the awarding of the Operational Fuel Treatment project contract to Okanagan Tree Works for the tender price of \$99,914.50, inclusive of taxes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Fernandez".

Joseph A. Fernandez