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Corporate Report

Report from Recreation and Community Services, Parks and Facilities

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Subject: Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop Fee-for-Service Graffiti Removal

Recommendation

That Council approve the request from Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop to continue graffiti removal services in 2013; and

That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary agreement and by-law.
FORTHWITH

Summary

This report provides information about Mainstream's proposal to continue graffiti removal services on City-owned play equipment and certain park amenities on a fee-for-service basis in 2013.

Background

Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop is a not for profit corporation under the umbrella of the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Mainstream has developed a graffiti removal program and has been providing graffiti removal services on City play equipment since 2009. A summary of their services since 2009 is provided as Appendix 1. Mainstream has indicated interest in continuing graffiti removal services in 2013.

Report

Staff recommend a fee-for-service agreement for graffiti removal services

Given the success of past agreements between the City and Mainstream, staff recommend that Mainstream be authorized to provide graffiti removal services on City play equipment, metallic and plastic park amenities, and other park amenities (as approved by City staff) for 2013.

Agreement with Mainstream is subject to terms and performance criteria

Mainstream must provide third party liability insurance and a certificate of clearance from Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. In addition, Mainstream staff performing the work must be trained in all Health and Safety practices and procedures including heat stress, WHIMIS, use of personal protective equipment and written procedures on application of graffiti removal materials and safe practices in accordance with City

procedures. Mainstream will utilize the same graffiti removal process and product as used by City staff, and will provide removal services consistent with the Graffiti By-Law requirements including providing photographs of graffiti to the Niagara Regional Police.

Mainstream is required to enter into a fee-for-service agreement with the City to provide and define graffiti removal services on City-owned play equipment and park amenities. This agreement must be renewed by Mainstream, with approval by Council, prior to any works commencing on City property in 2014.

Financial Implications

Fees for this service will be \$45.00 per visit to include the first 30 minutes on site with a \$15.00 per subsequent 15 minute increment spent on site. The fee for the first 30 minutes on site has increased since 2012, when the fee was \$30.00. This increase is a result of rising costs of product, fuel, insurance and wages and is the first increase since 2009. The fee for subsequent time on site has not changed. These fees include deployment of two Graffiti Removal Workers and one supervisory Job Readiness Coach. All other materials and personal protective equipment are also included.

The Graffiti Committee has endorsed that services rendered by Mainstream be subject to an upset limit of \$15,000. This limit remains the same as the 2012 removal program. Adequate funds for this service are available from the Graffiti Operations account which has been set up to provide assistance to graffiti removal initiatives.

Conclusion

Mainstream has indicated interest in continuing graffiti removal services on City owned play equipment and park amenities on a fee-for-service basis as they have since 2009. Staff have reviewed this request and would recommend that Mainstream be authorized to continue to provide these services for the year of 2013 subject to review and approvals for additional terms and performance criteria outlined within this report.

Notification

It is in order to advise Kristine Akilie, Communications and Community Development Co-ordinator, Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop, 263 Pelham Rd., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 1X7.

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Graffiti Removal Summary City Parks

2012

Month	# of Sites	Amount Billed
April	24	\$ 1,785
May	21	\$ 1,620
June	18	\$ 2,830
July	68	\$ 4,250
August	68	\$ 4,630
September	10	\$ 675
October	6	\$ 930
November	3	\$ 180
Totals	218	\$ 16,900

2011

Month	# of Sites	Amount Billed
April	25	\$ 1,680
May	22	\$ 1,425
June	31	\$ 1,980
July	46	\$ 2,070
August	5	\$ 465
September	10	\$ 765
October	4	\$ 450
November	23	\$ 1,770
Totals	166	\$ 10,605

2010

Month	# of Sites	Amount Billed
June	9	\$ 435
July	65	\$ 2,970
August	33	\$ 1,605
September	8	\$ 570
October	1	\$ 150
November	2	\$ 105
Totals	118	\$ 5,835

2009

Month	# of Sites	Amount Billed
July	6	\$ 1,035
August	10	\$ 1,125
September	12	\$ 870
October	2	\$ 150
November	1	\$ 120
Totals	31	\$ 3,300