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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 26/10/09

REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE/OPEN

APPROVED: LC

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

APPROVED: DL

REPORT NO: 09TS0197DC

APPROVED: DC

COMMON NO: 1254709

SUBJECT: BAGOT OVAL UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE - OCTOBER 2009

ITEM NO: 9.3

SYNOPSIS:

This report provides an overview and status of the Bagot Oval upgrade project currently being undertaken – due to be ready for competition in the 2010 dry season.

GENERAL:

The current project went to tender in March 2009. The submitted prices were in excess of the budgeted amount (\$469,000) and additional funds were provided by the Northern Territory Government (\$160,000) as per an agreement with the Football Federation of the Northern Territory and representatives by Council. The time taken to source these funds caused an unforeseen delay in commencing the project.

Civil works on site commenced on 10 August and the civil works contract component was completed on 12 October 2009.

Importing and spreading of top soil and the installation of the irrigation system has been completed.

Hydromulching (grass seed application) was conducted as a separate contract during the week commencing 12 October 2009.

An establishment period of four (4) months has begun and is being delivered by Council's Infrastructure Maintenance Section. There has been a total of five (5) irrigation heads stolen, which has also caused some localised damage. Heads have been replaced and the damage is being attended to as part of normal establishment activities. A media release regarding the thefts was issued.

The photographs below indicate progress of the works to date.



Photo 1. Civil machinery on site for sub grade works.



Photo 2. Typical irrigation dry box set on pavers with isolation valve and solenoid.



Photo 3. Top soil final treatment, ready for grassing.



Photo 4. Locating irrigation risers for installation of sprinkler heads.



Photo 5. Hydromulching of seed, paper mulch and tacifier commences 12 October 2009.



Photo 6. grass growing on playing surface, 22 October, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Initial budget allocated	\$480,000
Less consultancy fees, tender costs, etc	\$25,210
Current budget	\$454,790 (excluding GST)
The funding shortfall was funded by the Northern Territory Government	\$190,000 (excluding GST)
BUDGET TOTAL:	\$644,790 (excluding GST)

The value of the Contract awarded to Tyco Flow Control Pty Ltd (trading as Water Dynamics) was **\$603,240 (excluding GST)**.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

Outcome

2.2 Increase recreational, cultural and heritage experiences

Key Strategies

2.2.2 Promote Darwin as a host city for sport, culture and other events

Outcome

2.4 Increase community facilities

Key Strategies

2.4.1 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

There is significant public interest in this project and delivering this project will have positive public relations implications for Council.

Potential for negative public relations resulting from a perception that Council is responsible for the delay in completing the project.

A launch is being considered on completion of the project.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

Manager Infrastructure Maintenance

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

The Football Federation of the Northern Territory is being briefed regularly on the project progress.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

A project notice board is in place acknowledging both the Darwin City Council and Northern Territory Government, for their contributions to this project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09TS0197DL:DC entitled Bagot Oval Upgrade - Update September 2009 be received and noted.

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