

Recommendation:

That the C.A.O.-2021-43 report, dated November 2, 2021 regarding Lawn Maintenance Contract Extension be received; and

That Council approve a one-year extension of the grass cutting contract for municipal properties with Cutting Edge Landscape Services.

Overview:

Cutting Edge Landscaping Services has continued to provide quality grass cutting services for our municipal properties since 2013. As the proponent is our existing contractor, under our procurement policy we can negotiate and extension of the contract providing there is documented evidence that the extension or reinstatement of an existing contract would provide most cost effective or beneficial.

The increase from 2021 to 2022 would amount to approximately 0.5% for a total contract price of \$8,259.45 plus applicable taxes.

Conclusion:

Approval of the contract extension is being requested at this time to allow sufficient time to investigate the potential of having the grass cutting completed by a member of our Parks Department in future. Additional time is required to determine what resources would be required and the cost of those resources which, if it was found to be beneficial, would be presented during the 2023 budget discussions. If staff determine this contract should remain external, a request for proposals would be completed to award the contract in future years.

Financial Impact:

The total cost of the 2022 grass cutting contract would be \$8,259.45 and would be provided for in the 2022 operating budget.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To preserve and enhance the natural heritage features and resources of the Township.

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

N/A