

September 12, 2022

Mayor and members of Council,

For your consideration and with respect to questions regarding report SI-2022-0011 presented at council September 14, 2021. I like many ward 5 residents are excitedly looking forward to the proposed amenities being installed at the Lions park on Pete's lane. I appreciate the commitment to follow through on these truly needed and long awaited infrastructure amenities.

I do have some questions, comments and concerns that I'd like to share with you. Firstly, When the need arises to use single source acquisitions in lieu of tendering with municipal funds. I can appreciate for whatever reason that the tender placed did not receive bids. What I am concerned with is that the single sourced award while significantly lower than expected is great in a financial sense initially, what will it cost potentially. Acquiring these items for installation on the PIP was to coincide with a tile flooring install. This now is presumably a separate acquisition that I don't see costing for in the report brought forward. Also with regards to timing, this purchase could be made in the spring when all of the puzzle pieces are in place ie. flooring. I always appreciate value for dollars but like many are likewise skeptical when something is significantly less than expected. Hopefully this doesn't bring products that are potentially of sub par quality or that have a shorter user life than what we are expecting to receive. I really am struggling to understand the need for this abrupt timing at this time of year when we are preparing shortly for the winter season ice pad. If this award could be held while discovering the timing of the flooring and its associated cost, hopefully a fulsome understanding of potential impacts if at all to the engineered flooring in the pad. Having these exciting new amenities installed in the spring in a fulsome manner with regards to total cost and acquisition of all necessary pieces to complete the sports zone portion of the Lions park upgrades.

I am thankful and looking forward to these upgrades. I just want to make sure after decades of residents waiting and wanting upgrades, that we are mindful in all aspects. I believe residents would gratefully wait through the winter season that's almost upon us to make sure the best possible result is had for the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Lee Dale