SUBJECT: Update on Outdoor Fitness Park Equipment

FROM: Cathy Addison, Deputy Clerk

DATE: May 13, 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives Deputy Clerk Report DC 13-08 as information as it relates to an information update on Outdoor Fitness Park Equipment; and

THAT Staff be authorized to negotiate and purchase outdoor fitness equipment from Paris Equipment Manufacturing Limited.

BACKGROUND:

Last spring, Council approved the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment for the Meeting Place Outdoor Fitness Park. The funds for this project were received from Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

The equipment was slated for a late fall delivery date, however, due to the volume of production, we were informed our order would be delayed. Persistent follow-up took place until late December when we were told to expect delivery in the spring of 2013.

CAO, Bill Jones, spoke with the owner of GreenGym on several occasions, in addition to emails correspondence over the course of a few months.

A “Star Fit” package was ordered from a company called GreenGym Outdoor Fitness Equipment from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, on July 9, 2012. GreenGym required a 50% deposit on all orders prior to commencing production. A cheque for $5,000.00 was issued and mailed on July 12, 2012.

COMMENTS:

Following review and investigation of other companies, this company had supplied equipment to local municipalities, including Hanover and Wasaga Beach and their product line was highly recommended.

We are of the understanding that, the company has apparently moved to the United States having teamed up with investors from Atlanta, Georgia.

I have contacted several other municipalities across Canada, who, like our Municipality, are pursuing outstanding fitness equipment orders with this same company.
Unfortunately, it appears that several Canadian organizations and municipalities have fallen victim to this company.

Currently, there is no company operating in Atlanta, Georgia under the name GreenGym Outdoor Fitness Equipment or a resident named Guy Chaham. Mr. Guy Chaham should be held accountable for the money he owes these municipalities; however, he cannot be located. Unfortunately, legal fees to pursue this issue would be more exorbitant than the $5,000.00 loss. The Municipality has been in contact with an Ontario based company, Paris Equipment Manufacturing Limited, who will supply similar equipment with no deposit required prior to delivery.

ATTACHMENT:

1) Council report DC-12-03 dated April 23, 2012

MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating strategic objectives, it can be assured that the actions taken by the Municipality create value across all strategic priorities identified in the Strategic Plan. In doing so, the Municipality moves closer to its vision of providing a safe, progressive municipality that is committed to managing growth and providing a welcoming, diverse and environmentally sustainable community that enhances the quality of life for all residents and visitors.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The balance of the funding from 2012 is still available.

Respectfully submitted:                                                  Approved by:

Cathy Addison, Deputy Clerk                                               Bill Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Nuclear Waste Management of Ontario (NWMO) Funding

FROM: Cathy Addison, Deputy Clerk

DATE: April 23, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives Deputy Clerk Report DC 12-03 as information as it relates to the Nuclear Waste Management of Ontario (NWMO) Funding; and

THAT Council approves the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment for the Meeting Place Outdoor Fitness Park with the $10,000.00 funding awarded to the Municipality from Nuclear Waste Management of Ontario.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2009, the Municipality has received funding from Nuclear Waste Management of Ontario (NWMO) for a wide range of projects that may not have materialized without these funds.

These funds are dedicated towards projects such as community, education and environment. To date, various projects consisting of municipal notice boards, recycling containers, library retrofits, Eastnor landfill reuse building and accessible playground equipment have been purchased and/or erected, through this funding opportunity.

COMMENTS:

Nuclear Waste Management of Ontario requested the Municipality to submit potential projects by the April 4, 2012 for this latest funding prospect.

Following the recent development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, it was suggested that outdoor fitness equipment may be a real asset to one of the Municipal parks. Three (3) outdoor fitness companies were contacted for suggestions and pricing.

In addition, Naomi Liverance was consulted since her group is working towards developing an outdoor fitness park next to the Meeting Place in Tobermory.

Opinions to locate this type of equipment at School Bell Park in Tobermory were investigated. Following discussions with Naomi Liverance, it was suggested the new Outdoor Fitness Park next to the Meeting Place was the preferred location.
Management has discussed and chosen to recommend the following initiative to NWMO for funding:

Purchase of the StarFit outdoor fitness equipment package (photo attached). The StarFit console is designed to fit five (5) pieces of equipment and includes large park sign and centre console. There are seven (7) different pieces of equipment to choose from and include the following:

- Leg press, chest press, seated back row, rowing machine, hip abductor/adductor, hand and leg bike, or recumbent bike.

Value: $8,500.00 + taxes + freight

This particular equipment package is suitable for various levels of fitness abilities to enjoy.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. StarFit Information Sheet

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