



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

REPORT TO: Chairman and Members of the Community Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: March 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Jordan Historical Museum Artifact Storage/Exhibit Facility
Concept Design Plan

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council award the contract for Jordan Historical Museum Artifact Storage/Exhibit Facility Concept Design Plan to Weatherston Architects in association with Lord Cultural Resources for the quoted price of \$54,500 (GST excluded).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to award the contract for the Jordan Historical Museum Artifact Storage/Exhibit Facility Concept Design Plan to Weatherston Architects in association with Lord Cultural Resources.

BACKGROUND

Since the inception of the Museum, appropriate artifact storage has been an ongoing issue, and as the Museum evolved, has continued as the biggest threat to the Collection. In 2001, an appraisal of the collection put its value at \$1,394,000, though the historical and intrinsic values of such a collection are beyond evaluating. From a financial, as well as a community value-based point of view, the Collection merits suitable care.

Since the Town took ownership of the Museum in 1995, the Museum Board continued to support the Museum by becoming an advisory and fundraising body. The volunteers remain committed to the support of the Museum through various functions such as Pioneer Day and the Heritage Gift Shop.

At the September 22nd, 2008, Corporate Priorities meeting, the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty Volunteer Association (JHMTVA) committed to formalizing a partnership with the Town of Lincoln to move forward in support of a new facility. The JHMTVA committed to a financial contribution to share half of an agreed cost in support of the initial design/concept phase.

The approved 2009 capital budget identified a joint venture with the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty Volunteer Association to develop a Concept Plan for a Storage/Exhibit facility.

CORPORATE PLAN

In 2007, the Town of Lincoln Council developed a “Future Focus” document that highlighted the priorities of development within the municipality. The document, driven by local resident commentary, outlined some of the strategic issues that will shape the development of the community to 2010.

Notably, the following Strategic Directions apply to the Town of Lincoln’s Jordan Historical Museum:

- **Greenfield to Greenbelt:** This strategy emphasizes “tourism based capital inflows” and refers to the value of tourism resources within the municipality.
- **Service Delivery:** The municipality is dedicated to achieving high levels of performance and to making optimal use of assets/technologies to benefit residents and to ensure optimal relevance and usefulness of Town assets.
- **Facilities:** The Town of Lincoln is dedicated to providing a mix of facilities that meet the evolving needs of Lincoln’s residents and families, including the provision of flexibility to the changing needs of our maturing neighbourhood.

Further, according to Town of Lincoln’s Corporate Plan, 2001, (p. 10), the Museum is noted as an acknowledged strength, as well as one of its recognized Community Facilities (ibid, p. 13 & 23). It also fits hand-in-glove with the tourism development that is identified in the Corporate Plan (ibid, p. 15 – 16).

STAFF COMMENTS

There exists a longstanding and positive working relationship between staff and the JHMTVA. This relationship exemplifies the community effort and support that is vital for the Concept Plan to be realized.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Through the 2009 Capital Budget process, \$60,000 was approved for the project. Formal proposals were requested from potential bidders. The deadline for submissions was February 12th, 2009 and a summary of the results are as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Raimondo & Associates	\$40, 500 + GST
Weatherston Architects In association with Lord Cultural Resources	\$54,500 + GST
Carla Mackie	No bid submitted
Lundholm Associate Architects	No bid submitted

Staff reviewed the two submissions, ranking them, aside from cost, according to the following criteria: Contractor and Staff Experience, Proposed Design, and Proposal Clarity.

Contractor and Staff Experience:

Weatherston Architects have worked extensively in both Canada and the United States on various types of museum projects such as Markham Museum, Bracebridge Courthouse Museum, and Bradley House, Mississauga Museums.

Although Raimondo & Associates has accumulated varied experience in a wide array of projects, museums are not part of their portfolio to date.

Proposed Design:

Weatherston Architects' approach includes many key design elements and approaches that fit with the Museum needs and values.

Raimondo & Associates does not adequately address issues specific to museum design.

Proposal Clarity:

Both bidder proposals were clear and concise; however, Weatherston Architects provided more detail and museum-specific information.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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