

# The Township of Rideau Lakes



## Rideau Lakes

### **Request for Proposals** **Playground Equipment for Ronald E Holman Complex**

**PW2026-21**

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## 1.0 Information to Bidders

### General Description

The Township of Rideau Lakes is seeking a qualified proponent to provide design, all labour, materials and equipment necessary to supply and install natural woodland theme playground equipment at the Ronald E Holman Complex at 441 Highway 15, Lombardy, ON, K0G 1L0 as per Scope of Work outlined in this document.

### Bid Submission

Proposals shall be made in the format specified in Section 1, include the forms in Section 2, and fully contemplate the project scope outlined in Section 3. Proposals shall be properly labeled with the proposal number ‘PW2026-21’ and submitted no later than the Closing Date and Time.

Proposals are to be submitted by mail or hand delivered in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with its contents, to the undersigned by the following deadline:

**Closing Date: 3:00p.m. E.S.T., August 24, 2026**  
**RFP Opening: Immediately following closing.**

**RFP: PW2026-21**  
**Steve Holmes C. Tech.**  
**Manager of Facilities and Parks**  
**Township of Rideau Lakes**  
**1439 County Road 8**  
**Delta, ON., K0E 1G0**

### Registration

Individuals or firms interested in submitting a proposal should register as a Bidder with the Municipality to ensure they receive any addenda which may be issued. Individuals or firms may register by contacting the Manager of Facilities and Parks by email at the contact below:

Steve Holmes C.Tech.  
 Manager of Facilities and Parks  
[parksmanager@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:parksmanager@rideaulakes.ca)

### Optional Site Meeting

No formal site meeting is scheduled for this RFP. Individuals or Firms may visit the site at any time on their own if they wish. REHMC site is public and can be accessed at any time.

### Scoring

The submission should be clear, concise and complete. The Township shall be the sole judge of a proposal, and its decision shall be final. Proponents who do not meet a minimum threshold score for a category will not proceed to the next stage of the evaluation process. The following sets out the categories, weightings, and descriptions of the rated criteria of the RFP.

|                                                   | <b>Weighting<br/>(Points)</b> | <b>Minimum<br/>Threshold</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| i. Company Profile, Qualifications and Experience | 25 points                     | Pass                         |
| ii. Work Plan, Methodology, and Schedule          | 25 points                     | Pass                         |
| iii. Project Budget                               | 30 points                     | N/A                          |
| iv. Quality of Proposal                           | 20 points                     | N/A                          |
| <b>Total Points</b>                               | <b>100 points</b>             | N/A                          |

#### **i. Company Profile, Qualifications and Experience (25 points)**

Provide a brief company profile. Provide the qualifications, recent relevant experience, and responsibility of each member of the project team (Project Manager, key team members, sub-contractors, and other staff), clearly stating the employment history of the Project Manager and key team members, years with current firm and work location. Provide proof of valid, related licenses and certifications. These licenses/certifications must remain valid for the duration of the contract period.

#### **ii. Work Plan, Methodology, and Schedule (25 points)**

Describe the approach and methodology to be followed in completing all aspects of the assignment to achieve the stated project objectives. Note any issues that may require specific attention. Provide a phased approach to the work plan and schedule with a breakdown of the major tasks carried out.

#### **iii. Project Budget (30 points)**

This includes the amount of detail given to project relevant line items and the overall proposed project cost per phased approach. Year one budget is \$40,000, the following phase targets to be completed over 3 years total. (Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3)

#### **iv. Quality of Proposal (20 points)**

The Township may make whatever comparisons it finds useful in better understanding and evaluating submissions relative to its requirements and relative to other bids.

Proposals scoring 50 points or higher will be evaluated financially on the following basis:

The lowest cost submitted will be awarded 30 points, and the other cost proposals will be awarded points based upon the ratio of cost submitted to the cost submitted, e.g.:

$$\text{Points} = 30 \times \left( 1 - \frac{\text{Proposal Cost} - \text{Lowest}}{\text{Highest} - \text{Lowest}} \right)$$

### RFP Schedule

Every attempt will be made to meet all dates. The Township of Rideau Lakes reserves the right to modify any or all dates at its sole discretion.

**Last Day for Questions: August 17, 2026**  
**RFP Closing Date and Time: August 24, 2026, at 3:00pm**  
**Selection of Successful Vendor: September 2026**  
**Project Schedule: Completion October, 2026**

### Cost of Submission

The Township of Rideau Lakes will not be liable nor reimburse any Bidder for any costs incurred in developing a proposal submission, attending meetings/interviews, demonstrating the goods and or services, legal services, or any other services that may be required in responding to this Request for Proposal.

### Right to Accept or Reject Proposal

The Township of Rideau Lakes reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, as a whole or in part, and waive formalities as the interests of the Corporation may require, without stating reasons. Therefore, the lowest or any Proposal may not necessarily be accepted. If there are a limited number of responses to this request, the Township reserves the right to terminate the request or make further requests for proposals.

### Validity

The Proposal submitted shall remain valid for at least sixty (60) days from the Proposal Closing Date.

### Withdrawal of Proposal Prior to Closing

A Bidder who has submitted a response to this Request for Proposal may request that such response be withdrawn. Withdrawals shall be completed and shall be allowed under the following conditions;

- 1 The RFP closing date and time has not passed. There shall be no withdrawals of Proposals allowed after the closing date and time for receiving Proposals;

- 2 The request is made in writing on the Bidder's letterhead and signed by a senior official of the Bidder, and include his direct contact information; and
- 3 The request is made to the Manager of Facilities and Parks by email or by hand.

In all cases, a request for the withdrawal of a Proposal will be verified by the Township of Rideau Lakes, by way of a telephone call to the senior official representing the Bidder and making the request, to confirm the withdrawal.

All confirmed requests for withdrawal will be placed on record and the associated Proposal shall be given no further consideration.

### **Review of Documents**

The Bidder must personally study the entire Request for Proposal document as to satisfy himself/herself of the conditions and requirements of the Proposal. There will be no consideration of any claim, after submission of Proposals, that there is a misunderstanding with respect to the conditions imposed by the Request for Proposal.

### **Multiple Proposals**

Multiple responses from any one Bidder are acceptable, providing each response is complete as per the format specified herein, and is packaged and transmitted separately.

### **Addenda**

The Township of Rideau Lakes may choose to issue addenda to provide clarification or additional information. Addenda will only be sent to vendors that have registered as Bidders. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure they have received all addendums and provide the Township of Rideau Lakes with the proper contact information through the registration process.

Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any Addenda through the Bidding System by checking a box on their submission for each Addenda and any applicable attachment as provided on the Bidding System.

### **Price Submission**

The Proposal price shall include total costs, in Canadian Dollars, including, but not limited to: labour, material, equipment, supervision, statutory charges and vendor overhead and profit.

### **Award**

Upon completion of evaluations, the Township of Rideau Lakes may select a Bidder with whom it wishes to undertake negotiations for the project. Negotiations may take the form of adding, deleting, or modifying certain requirements based on the response to the Request for Proposal, and adjusting pricing accordingly if required. Assuming mutually acceptable terms and conditions can be agreed upon, a purchase order will be issued to the selected bidder.

The Township of Rideau Lakes reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- 1 Adjust, discontinue, or cancel the submission process, and/or commence a new process for the same or similar goods or services, if the Township of Rideau Lakes, at its sole discretion, deems it necessary.
- 2 Accept or reject any submission(s) in whole or in part.

**Therefore, the lowest cost Proposal may not necessarily be accepted. The acceptance and award of a Proposal shall be subject to the approval of The Township of Rideau Lakes' Council.**

### **Collection of Personal Information and Confidentiality Provision**

Any personal information collected through the Request for Proposal process will be done so, and managed, in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Any personal information collected is being done so for the purposes of proposal review and potential vendor selection.

All responses to this Request for Proposal will only be treated as Third Party Information and/or Economic or Other Interests in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* where **an explicit request to do so is provided in writing in the proposal**. Submission of a proposal without this explicit request shall constitute consent for disclosure in accordance with the Act.

The information contained in this Request for Proposal will be utilized by the Bidder solely for the purposes of preparing a submission. Any other use of the information for any other purpose is not authorized by the Township of Rideau Lakes.

### **Standard Terms and Conditions**

The Township of Rideau Lakes maintains standard procurement Terms and Conditions that apply to this Proposal. A copy of the Township's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy – Revised April 2025 will be provided on request.

### **Terms of Payment and Invoices**

The terms will be as per the project proposal and any subsequent negotiated agreement. Generally, the Township of Rideau Lakes' terms of payment are net thirty (30) calendar days upon completion of work and receipt of invoice.

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Manager of Facilities and Parks  
[parksmanager@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:parksmanager@rideaulakes.ca)

### **Notice Of Project**

The Successful Bidder shall be responsible for taking out a Notice of Project to the Ministry of Labour and shall post on site prior to commencing the project as set out in section (1) of the Regulation for Construction Projects, O.Reg 213/91 (the regulation). Proof of such Notice must be made evident to the Township of Rideau Lakes before the first payment is made.

### **Termination**

The Township of Rideau Lakes reserves the right to terminate the contract for sufficient cause, including, but not limited to, poor performance, late deliveries, inferior quality, incorrect pricing, statutory non-compliance, and health and safety concerns. If any successful Bidder should neglect to perform the work properly or fail to perform any provision of the Request for Proposal, the Township of Rideau Lakes may terminate the contract after fifteen (15) business days with written notice to the vendor.

### **Background Check**

The Township of Rideau Lakes, at its discretion, may perform background checks on any service personnel, and reserves the right to refuse access to buildings or equipment to any personnel or other representatives of any successful vendor or manufacturer.

### **Conduct of Vendor Staff**

The successful vendor shall employ orderly, competent and skilled staff to ensure that the Request for Proposal is completed in a respectable manner. If any one person employed by the successful vendor in connection with the Request for Proposals efforts, in the opinion of the Township of Rideau Lakes is just cause for complaint, the vendor, upon notification from the Township of Rideau Lakes, shall not permit such person to continue in any future work arising out of the Request for Proposal.

### **Accessibility**

The Township of Rideau Lakes is required to comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 as amended and any associated regulations.

Any successful Bidder for the completion of work with regards to this Request for Proposal must be aware of these requirements and certifies that all statutory requirements will be met at the vendor's full cost.

### **Insurance – Liability, Automotive and Non-Owned Automobile Insurance**

Without in any way limiting the liability of any successful vendor, the vendor shall:

- 1 Maintain and keep in force during the term of the contract, General Liability Insurance protecting the contractor's liability, legal or assumed, under the contract for all claims arising from personal injury to members of the public, damage to property of public including loss of use of such property and the minimum insurance shall be \$5,000,000.00.
- 2 Maintain and keep in force during the term of the contract, automobile and non-owned automobile insurance on all vehicles used in connection with the work under this contract. Such insurance is to carry the minimum limit of \$2,000,000.00.
- 3 Maintain and keep in force during the term of the contract, Contractor's contingent liability insurance, covering the liability of the Contractor under this contract in respect to his sub-contractor's same limits as required in Clause (a).

- 4 Deposit with the Township of Rideau Lakes, before commencing any work under this contract, a certificate of insurance detailing the coverage and expiry date for all policies duly executed by the insuring company stating that if said policies are cancelled or changed in any manner, sixty (60) days written notice of such change or cancellation will be given to the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes, Clerk, Delta Ontario. The Township shall be shown as an additional insured.

### **Workplace Safety Insurance Board**

Any successful vendor is required to comply with all the regulations of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) in respect to the contract work and all persons employed on or in connection therewith and shall furnish a Certificate of Clearance from the Board to the Township of Rideau Lakes and maintain good standing with the WSIB throughout the contract period.

### **Contractor's Liability**

Any successful vendor shall be liable for all injuries and/or death to persons and for damage to property caused by his/her operations and those of sub-contractors and their employees engaged on and off site; and shall indemnify and save harmless the Township of Rideau Lakes from all suits and actions for damages and costs to such damages to property of others as well as the Township, resulting from negligence, poor workmanship and materials, as well as any cause whatsoever in the performance of the work.

### **Quality of Work**

Any successful vendor at all times shall provide the Township of Rideau Lakes Representative with suitable access, and or status of the work covered under the Request for Proposal. The Township of Rideau Lakes Representative shall be the sole judge of the work and therefore of its acceptability. Work that is unsatisfactory, in the opinion of the Township of Rideau Lakes Representative, shall be made satisfactory at no additional cost to the Township of Rideau Lakes.

### **Conflict of Interest**

By submitting a bid, a Bidder declares that the submission is not made in connection with any other submitting Bidder or vendor, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud and further that no member of Council, officer or employee of the Township of Rideau Lakes has become interested, directly or indirectly, as a contracting party, partner, stockholder, surety or otherwise on the performance of the said contract.

### **Lobbying**

In order to ensure fairness to all Proponents, the Township must endeavour to prevent unfair advantage created by lobbying. Therefore, the Township reserves the right to disqualify, at any time and at its sole discretion, any Proponent engaging in lobbying in connection with a competitive bidding process between a date that is no later than the date of issue of the RFP and the date of signing of a contract or Purchase Order between the Township and the Successful Proponent(s). The Township may

disqualify a Proponent at any time in the procurement process, including after the selection process has been completed.

Lobbying may include any activity that the Township, in its sole discretion, determines has or may give an unfair advantage to one Proponent relative to other Proponents.

Without limiting the foregoing, lobbying may include:

- a) Verbal or written communication with or to any Township staff / Council member other than those identified as contacts in this RFP in respect of this RFP.
- b) Verbal or written communication with or to any expert or other advisor assisting the Evaluation and Selection of this RFP.
- c) Verbal or written communication with or to any member of the RFP Evaluation and Selection team other than those identified as contacts in this RFP.
- d) Direct or indirect requests by the Proponent to any person, organization or group to provide a written or verbal expression of support not required by this competitive bidding process to any member of the Evaluation and Selection team or Council.
- e) Verbal or written communication with or to media organizations.
- f) Direct or indirect offer of gifts of any kind or value to any Township representative or personnel.

#### **Questions Regarding the Request for Proposal**

Bidders having questions or finding discrepancies or omissions, or having doubts as to the meaning or intent thereof, shall contact the Manager of Facilities and Parks. The Township may elect to provide clarifications directly or via an Addenda to all vendors, depending on the nature, scope, and materiality of the questions. Any questions arising from the Request for Proposal shall be directed to:

Steve Holmes C.Tech.  
Manager of Facilities and Parks  
[parksmanager@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:parksmanager@rideaulakes.ca)

## 2.0 Submission Forms

### Form # 1 – Price Form

Please submit proposal outlining each item and the cost for the proposed work in response to the scope outlined in Section 3.

| DESCRIPTION                                                                        | COST (HST excluded) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Provide suitable drainage, required sub-grade material and surface for playground. |                     |
| Playground equipment phase 1.                                                      |                     |
| Playground equipment expansion.                                                    |                     |
| TOTAL BID                                                                          |                     |

Form 1 must include all elements to satisfy the Scope of Work (Section 3.0) and be detailed by each major deliverable/component. This shall include, but is not limited to, all costs related to products, material, labour, site security, delivery, on-boarding, troubleshooting, training, professional fees, and ongoing costs.

### Form # 2 – Experience Form

To assist with proposal evaluation, please identify up to three (3) projects of a similar nature that you have completed, the scope of work involved and a reference contact. **Please submit this information as a separate attachment in the format you wish.**

**Form # 3 – Bidder's Declaration Form**

I/We (enter name) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization or Business \_\_\_\_\_

HST # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

1) Declare that no person, firm or corporation other than the one whose signature or the signature of whose proper officers is attached below, has any interest in this proposal or in the contract proposed to be undertaken.

2) Further declare that this proposal is made without any connection, knowledge, comparison of figures or arrangements with any other company, firm or person making a proposal for the same work and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

3) Further declare that no Township of Rideau Lakes employee, or member of Township of Rideau Lakes Council and their families is, or will become, interested directly as a contracting party or otherwise or in the performance of the contract or in the supplies, work or business to which it relates or in any portion of the profits thereof, or of any such supplies to be used therein or any of the monies to be derived therefrom.

4) Further declare that the several matters stated in the said proposal are in all respects true.

5) Further declare that I/We have examined the Project Documents and hereby propose and offer to enter into a contract to provide all of the items mentioned and described or implied therein, including, in every case, freight, duty, exchange, and to accept in full payment therefore, the sums calculated in accordance with the actual quantities provided, and unit prices attached to this proposal.

6) Agree that this offer is to continue open for acceptance until a formal contract is executed or a purchase order is issued to the successful Bidder.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO RECEIPT OF ADDENDA**

This will acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and, that the pricing quoted includes the provision set out in such addendum(s)

| <b>Addenda Number</b> | <b>Date Received</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                       |                      |
|                       |                      |
|                       |                      |

Name of Authorized Officer (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Witness (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

### 3.0 – Project Scope

The work includes all labour, equipment, professional specialized services, and material required to supply and install playground equipment at the Ronald E Holman Complex located at 441 Highway 15, Lombardy, ON, K0G 1L0. Below scope is summary:

1. The Township is proposing a new outdoor **woodland themed** playground. Year one budget is capped at \$40,000 with future expansion options. The theme wood does not apply to material, but rather natural colour's and outdoor feel.
2. Overall total project budget \$100,000.00.
3. Overall Playground Dimension 45 ft x 50 ft. This is to include fall protection.
4. Age groups 18m to 5 years to start with growth to all ages.
5. Drainage and options for surface to be included, i.e. certified cedar weave mulch, or other approved surface type suitable for proposed equipment.
6. Provide curbing.
7. The surface protection and drainage can be done all at once or during each expansion option, whichever is most cost effective and best approach. Please explain methodology.
8. Playground equipment to be marine grade or other rot resistant type materials.
9. Equipment to be of finished material.
10. Playground to be barrier free with an accessible ramp.
11. Include barrier free accessible equipment.
12. Contractor to confirm site conditions, elevations and measurements.
13. Provide warranty information.
14. Provide installation schedule for each proposed option.
15. Note, depending on Township approved budgets, expansion options may be phased in over 2-3 years.

#### Attachments:

1. Site Plan sketch of proposed playground area.
2. McIntosh Perry Grading Plan.