



**Agenda Item:** Discuss and Consider Approval of Purchase of a Tractor from UVC Powersports

**Background:** To ensure park staff can maintain various aspects of each park, it is critical that equipment remains in good working order and is readily available. Tractors serve an extremely important part to these maintenance tasks such as mowing, park entrance leveling, parking lot maintenance, bollard maintenance, debris removal, etc.

After a season of battling failing equipment and relying heavily on Coastal Zone Management for high priority tasks so that the parks do not fall behind on important maintenance items, a new tractor with a front-end bucket loader was included in the FY2021 budget. The loader is a tool that no other Park Board tractors have, besides the heavy-duty equipment utilized by CZM (only able to be operated by certified operators). A tractor with a front-end loader, rotary cutter, auger, and box blade will ensure that we are able to perform necessary tasks in an efficient manner. Doing so not only contributes to the extremely important aesthetic value of the park, but also increases guest satisfaction in several ways - from ensuring vehicles do not get stuck as they are entering the park to keeping our bollard lines uniform and vegetation mowed. The tractor can be used at other parks as well.

Park staff received three bids for tractors ranging from \$31,763 to \$35,040. Staff is requesting approval to purchase the middle bid – a 50hp Massey Ferguson package from UVC Powersports. This tractor package comes in at \$2751 more than the lowest bid. The reason for going with the middle bid is due to Park Board mechanic familiarity, part availability, history of service issues, and transmission type.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Finance and Operations committee authorize the purchase of a 50hp 4WD Massey Ferguson tractor with front end loader, rotary cutter, box blade, and auger/post hole digger for \$34,514.

**Funding Source (if applicable):** Approved budget of \$35,000 for FY21 (5252 – Equipment Purchase).