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**To:** Council  
**From:** Bill Goulding, Acting Director of Public Works  
**Date:** June 8, 2023  
**Subject:** Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre Tender Update

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Design and tender documents for the ongoing project at the Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre were in development throughout the spring of 2023. During this period, the wood ceiling at the facility was refinished in order to make use of the time required for design with the goal of addressing a relatively straightforward portion of the overall scope of work. The refinishing work is now complete and the facility stands ready for the remainder of the project.

Staff made efforts to reduce the remaining scope of work as much as practical in order to reduce the project timeline moving forward, as well as to reduce the project cost. Some relatively minor improvements relating to accessibility and pool-deck storage were included in the scope of work, but overall the project as designed could be described as a restoration of the affected areas of the existing facility.

The project was put out to tender on May 25, 2023 and closed to bids on June 7, 2023. One bidder responded to the tender, offering a both a price that was higher and a timeline that was longer than anticipated.

Given the situation, staff would like to assess options moving forward in advance of providing a more comprehensive report to Council. Staff is currently working with the design team to investigate alternative approaches that could potentially move the project along, and is working with Treasury and funders to clarify the financial implications of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,