

Town picks firm that services NHL, 90% of Ontario rinks

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together," he said. "It's like having an electrician and a plumber in your house at the same time. You schedule it."

Six of his employees, who wore company hats at the meeting, "could only contain themselves between giggling and anger".

Mr. Macdonald quoted from a Canadian Construction Association guide in a May 15 letter to the town in which he asked politicians to delay their decision for further study.

"Although an owner may be legally entitled to award the contract to other than the lowest compliant bidder, the construction industry's long established and accepted

'best practices' is to award to the lowest compliant bidder and that practice should always be respected," he said

"If the difference between tenders (was greater than) 10 per cent, what would the town's recommendation have been?"

PRICE NOT ONLY FACTOR

The town treats tenders differently than requests for proposals, Mayor Wayne Emmerson said.

"With an RFP, council doesn't have to go with the lowest price," he said. "Keeping the one system (one contractor) is probably the best way to go for that arena."

Town staff pointed politicians to other contracts they has awarded to companies that were not low bidders.

Cimco is the industry leader, provides service to about 90 per cent of Ontario's arenas and is the preferred supplier to NHL rinks, facilities and parks manager Rob Raycroft said in making his recommendation.

Because of the town's "comfort with the service provider", it should not have asked for proposals from companies other than Cimco or "not opened Black & McDonald's envelope", Mr. Macdonald said.

"I am going to have a hard time explaining to 17 employees who live in Stouffville why their long-term employer is denied respect in the town where they live," he said.

The company and its employees donate to churches, sports teams and the less fortunate, he said. The firm lights up the Main Street Christmas tree and has hosted a golf

tournament in Stouffville for six years.

"We won't stop doing our community work," he said. "But we might stop bidding there if we are not treated fairly."

QUOTES ON NEW RINK?

Black & McDonald has not done work for the town previously and probably won't on the rinks that be built up on Weldon Road in the next 16 months.

"How do they expect people to quote on the new twin-pad job?" he said.

The town has not decided whether to put the new arena out to tender or request proposals, Mr. Emmerson said.

"Because we are looking for leading edge in this (field)," he said.

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