

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.4

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Purchase of Britespan Building System DATE: January 17, 2025
Sourcewell Contract 071223-BRT

DEPARTMENT: Recreation & Culture PREPARED BY: Darrell Lindhout

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The Landing Sports Center Annex construction project requires a large widespan fabric structure for the dry floor portion of the building. The most cost-effective way to provide large span roof covering is by using a coverall type structure. The City currently has 10 existing Britespan structures in use at various locations throughout the City. A quote was requested through Sourcewell Contract #071223-BRT for pricing of a 144' x 185' fabric covered structure. A decision is required to approve the Sourcewell Contract No. 071223-BRT for the purchase of one 144' x 185' Britespan structure.

Company	Amount
Sourcewell contract No. 071223-BRT : Britespan Building Systems Inc	\$1,919,555.00 (plus applicable taxes)

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the purchase of one "Britespan Fabric Structure", from SpanMaster Structures Ltd., in the amount of \$1,919,555.00; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.



Darrell Lindhout, Director
Recreation & Culture

3. FINANCE COMMENTS:

Funding has been allocated in the 2025 approved financial plan.



Glen Savard, Director of Finance

4. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:

Supports recommendation.



David Blain, CAO

**STAFF REPORT ON
Purchase of Britespan Building System – Sourcewell Contract 071223-BRT**

PREPARED BY:	<u>Eric Schulz</u>	DATE:	<u>January 17, 2025</u>
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1. BACKGROUND:

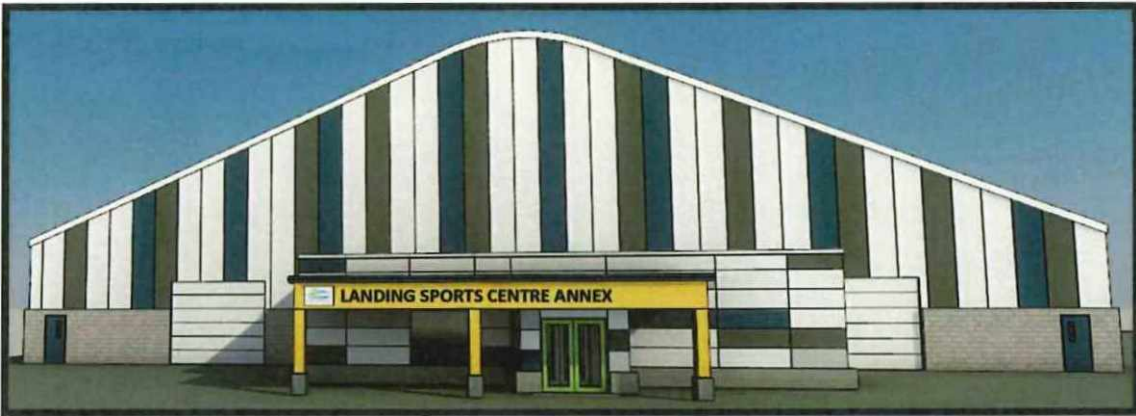
The City currently utilizes 10 Britespan fabric structures for storage and securement purposes at the following four City facilities:

- Operations Centre: (7 structures)
 - Salt and sand products
 - Parks equipment and consumables
 - Fleet storage
 - Flood response equipment
- Satellite Salt and Sand Storage Facility: (1 structure)
 - Salt, sand and road chips
- WWTP (1 structure)
 - Biosolids
- Bailey Sanitary Landfill (1 structure)
 - Used drywall

The City has employed the use of Britespan fabric structures since 2016 which have met our operational and product expectations as required by the City. Continual use of Britespan fabric structures as the City standard is additionally justified for standardization of our fabric structures for operator safety (familiarization), as our staff have the tools and are trained to carry out overhead annual maintenance to the building frame.

The multipurpose layout of the Landing Sports Center Annex requires a large unobstructed floor space area. The most cost-effective solution for a large clear span roofing system is to use a fabric structure with a robust lower sidewall system. For this type of application, Britespan's engineering standards and material specifications have proven to stand up against the harshest conditions as witnessed by the City of Chilliwack and neighboring municipalities.

A quote was requested through Sourcewell Contract #071223-BRT for pricing on a fabric covered structure. After careful review of the City's purchasing policies and Canadian Free trade agreements, the purchase of a new structure through a third-party cooperative purchasing group meets this criteria and was approved by the Purchasing Department.

FABRIC STRUCTURE EXAMPLES:**2. ABOUT SOURCEWELL:**

Sourcewell is a cooperative buying group of over 50,000 members that are comprised of public sector, education and nonprofit organizations. They help public procurement save time and money by combining the buying power of all members to provide discounted pricing that would otherwise be unavailable. The Sourcewell procurement team takes care of the entire competitive solicitation process for both requests for proposals on general purchases and invitations for bids. Sourcewell contracts are in compliance with municipal procurement and free trade agreement requirements.

3. RECOMMENDATION & SUBSTANTIATION:**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the purchase of one “Britespan Fabric Structure”, from SpanMaster Structures Ltd., in the amount of \$1,919,555.00; and further, that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign any necessary documentation.

Substantiation:

The Sourcewell evaluation process used 8 different measurables to grade 12 separate fabric structure systems. After full evaluation, Britespan fabric structures scored first overall including first in the pricing category.

The Britespan fabric structure quoted in Sourcewell Contract #071223-BRT meets budget, provides for standardization and is the best overall buy for the City of Chilliwack.