

June 13, 1996

SUBJECT: HASTINGS PARK - BUILDING REUSE STUDY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. THAT the Board appoint Proscenium Architecture and Interiors Inc. as consultants for the adaptive reuse study for the Garden Auditorium, the Forum and Rollerland at Hastings Park for fees and disbursements for a total of \$33,500 plus GST.
- B. THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

BOARD POLICY

The Board appoints consultants when the fee exceeds \$30,000.

BACKGROUND

With the adoption of the Hastings Park Restoration Program in February 1996, the programming phase of the planning process was completed.

Christopher Phillips and Associates were retained as landscape architects for the overall park design. Council augmented the park planning budget to undertake an adaptive reuse study for three buildings: Garden Auditorium, Forum and Rollerland.

The Working Committee on staff prepared the terms of reference for this study (see Appendix 1), which is to examine the demand for and viability of various arts, cultural, sports and recreation uses, and the adaptability of the three buildings for the various uses.

The results of this study will be carefully integrated into ongoing park planning and design process involving the Committee, staff, consultants and the community at large.

DISCUSSION

On May 3, 1995, letters of invitation were sent out by Park Board staff to five design firms based in Vancouver. Two bids were received - one firm did not participate, and the other firms made joint bids. Staff and two members of the Hastings Park Working committee interviewed the firms on June 4th. After careful consideration, the interview team chose Proscenium Architecture and Interiors Inc. as the firm they would recommend to the Park Board for appointment.

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CONCLUSION

It is recommended to appoint Proscenium Architecture and Interiors Inc. as the building reuse consultant who will assist Park staff, the working Committee and the community at large in preparing options for the adoptive reuse of the Forum, Garden Auditorium and Rollerland.

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