



Date: October 29, 1998

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: ARBUTUS NEIGHBOURHOOD GREENWAY AND
STREETSCAPE**

RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>A. THAT Board approve hiring E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd. to construct the Arbutus Greenway project.</p> <p>B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.</p> |
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BACKGROUND

On November 20, 1998, the Board retained consultants Durante Kreuk to develop working drawings and specifications for the project. Community Amenity Contributions funding for construction, as described in the May 7, 1997 Council Report, has been moved into the Park Board account in the amount of \$1,350,000 for Phase I and Phase II.

DISCUSSION

The conceptual design was based on a variety of open spaces including a lighted, landscape corridor accommodating pedestrians and cyclists and a central lawn space. An open space, termed the Brew Master's Garden, also included in Phase 1, features references to the old Brewery which existed at Arbutus Street. Phase 1 extends eastward from Vine Street to Yew Street.

Phase II will include the continuation of the landscaped corridor as well as open spaces, including a Rose Garden adjacent to 10th Avenue. Phase II extends eastward from Yew Street to Arbutus Street. This Phase will proceed with construction of the adjacent residential properties and confirmation of the capital funding.

The Park Board has tendered this project and received the following bids for Phase I:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>	<u>SHOP</u>
E.A. Farquhar Landscape Construction Ltd.	\$334,000	Open
Maplewood Landscaping Ltd.	\$339,000	Union
Haebler Construction Ltd.	\$349,800	Open
Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd.	\$359,000	Open
Alexander Construction Ltd.	\$371,735	Open

The construction budget for Phase I is \$456,290. The low bid of \$334,000 and city utilities (i.e. lighting, water and electrical connections) at \$77,200 totals \$411,200 and is well within the budget.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend awarding the contract to the low bidder, E.A. Farquhar, to carry out construction of this project. Approval of this contractor will allow the project to get started immediately and planting to be in place by the spring. Occupation of the first residential units adjacent to the greenway is currently underway.

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