



Date: November 19, 1998

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: OAK PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the landscape contract to Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd. to implement improvements in Oak Park.**
- 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.**

POLICY

Contracts in excess of \$200,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

On October 21, 1997 a report was sent to Council by the Director of Community Planning recommending that public realm amenities be implemented in the Oakridge/Langara neighbourhoods. The source of funding for the two parks within the Oakridge/Langara area, Tisdall and Oak Parks, was approved from Development Cost Levies, and Oakridge/Langara Community Amenity Contributions.

DISCUSSION

Oak Park has been tendered and design improvements include a new crushed gravel perimeter walking path, additional seating, tree planting, sports court (basketball and roller hockey) which will replace the existing swimming pool and central meeting/seating area. The plan is attached.

The community process was carried out in September, 1997 through Community Planning as part of the Oakridge/Langara Public Benefits Strategy.

The total budget, including design fees is \$236,000. In the Council Report “Oakridge/Langara Council Report - Upgrades to Tisdall Park and Oak Park”, dated 17, October 1997, \$160,000 was allocated through the Community Amenity Contributions (CAC’S) and Development Cost Levies (DCL’s) for Oak Park. Another \$81,000 will come from Oakridge/Langara Community Association and grant money. The chart below describes the project budget:

Project Budget	\$236,000
Construction Contract	\$209,350
Consultant’s Fees	\$ 15,000
Contingency/GST	\$ 11,650

Above and beyond the project budget identified above, an administrative report dated July 15, 1998, approved \$40,000 for public art at Oak Park and is to come from the Public Art unallocated budget. This money will be used to embellish the contract discussed in this report as part of the Artist in Residence Programme.

The following tender quotations were received:

C.A.P. Ventures	\$258,750.00	Non-union
Maplewood Landscaping	\$244,000.00	Union
Alexander Construction	\$239,568.00	Non-union
Wilco Landscape Contractors	\$228,000.00	Non-union
Tehcon Construction	\$213,800.00	Non-union
Landesign Landscape Construction	\$209,350.00	Non-union

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that the low bidder, Landesign Landscape Construction Ltd., be retained to carry out the improvement work at Oak Park. With approval of this report, the park improvements can get underway this winter.

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Attachment

