



Date: June 14, 2000

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CONTRACT AWARDS
DURING SUMMER RECESS OF BOARD**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the General Manager be authorized to approve the following two contract awards during the Board recess from July 24, 2000 until the next scheduled Board meeting of September 11, 2000.

- A. New Brighton Park Phase II to a maximum of \$900,000.**
- B. Lost Lagoon Biofiltration Pond to a maximum of \$1,100,000.**

BACKGROUND

The Board has authorized the General Manager to award specific contracts over \$300,000 during the summer recess.

DISCUSSION

There will be two contract award approvals required by the Planning and Operations Division during this summer's recess. New Brighton Park, Phase II installation has an estimated construction cost of \$900,000. The other anticipated installation this summer is the wetland's area at Lost Lagoon which is part of the causeway drainage system in Stanley Park and has an estimated construction value of \$1,100,000.

The two projects are described below:

The New Brighton Park project includes a stairway accessing Commissioner Street overpass into the park. There will be a beach area developed at the water edge, a walkway system connecting from this phase eastward around the newly completed field area to the swimming pool. This phase includes a circular open area to allow for activities such as the annual Carribean Festival. There will be seating areas, tree and shrub planting, terraced slopes and a stone lookout at the water's edge. This will complete the work at New Brighton Park. The tender will be received July 18th and construction is anticipated to be completed October 30, 2000.

The Lost Lagoon wetland project is part of the stormwater management plan for the Stanley Park Causeway. The Park Board and the British Columbia Transportation Finance Authority (BCTFA) are working jointly as part of the Lions Gate Bridge rehabilitation project.

The engineered wetland will be located in the northeast corner of Lost Lagoon and has been designed by Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd., Consulting Engineers. The stormwater runoff from the causeway is recognized to contain contaminants which the stormwater plan addresses partially through biofiltration and partially through oil separation. The role of the wetland area is to improve the quality of the roadway runoff prior to discharge into Lost Lagoon. The construction of the wetland includes a forebay, marsh zone and bermed area. There are a variety of plant materials including trees, shrubs and perennials. Construction is estimated to take place this summer with a completion date of late Fall. The estimated construction costs of the wetland project is \$1,100,000 to be paid by the BCTFA.

It is recommended that the General Manager be delegated to authorize the award of these two contracts, in excess of \$300,000 during this summer's recess of the Board.

SUMMARY

Delegating the General Manager to authorize award of these two contracts of \$300,000 and greater will allow projects to go ahead during the Board's 2000 summer recess. Delay of either of these projects would present problems with the neighbourhood process as in the case of New Brighton Park. With the Lost Lagoon project tied into construction of the Causeway project, any delay in beginning construction this summer would result in a disruption in the scheduling of a vital component of the drainage system of the causeway.

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