



Date: March 27, 2003

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Appointment of Architect for the Killarney Community Pool

RECOMMENDATION

A) THAT the Board award a contract for the architectural and engineering services for a new community pool at the Killarney Community Centre to Roger Hughes+ Partners Architects, for an amount not to exceed \$694,362, plus disbursements, plus GST

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

The Board approves all consultant contracts over \$ 30,000.

BACKGROUND

The Aquatic Services Review, approved by the Board in February of 2002, included a recommendation to designate Killarney Community Centre as the location for a new “community pool”, to replace the existing neighbourhood pool. The larger two tank pools will extend the range of aquatic facilities available in one facility. They will attract users from farther away, and each will provide services of a more specialized nature (such as therapy, diving, length swimming, or outdoor swimming) which are not possible in neighbourhood pools.

The 2003-2005 Capital Plan approved \$8.9 million for a new Killarney Community Pool. The Board and Council have approved \$500,000 for this project in advance of the 2003 Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION

A Project Building Committee representing the Association, District staff, aquatics staff, Planning and Operations and Centre staff was struck, and first met January 8, 2003. The Committee has toured pools in the Lower Mainland in preparation for the development of a design program.

Seven qualified architectural firms were invited to submit proposals for architectural, engineering, and cost control services for the project. The proposals were evaluated and three firms were invited for interviews. Representatives of the Building Committee interviewed the three selected consulting firms, and reached consensus in recommending the engagement of Roger Hughes+Partners Architects, given the firm's:

- extensive background in aquatic facilities
- relevant experience in the design of community pool facilities
- clarity in addressing the program for the proposed pool
- presentation of their project team as appropriate for the project and for Killarney Community Centre.

The consultant contract will include two phases. The first phase will include:

- review of the existing community centre reconfiguration master plan
- confirmation of a design program
- development of a design concept and presentation to a community open house
- cost analysis including: determination of requirements for engaging other specialist consultants; finalizing the fees based on the scope of work developed in Phase 1, using fee percentages submitted by the consultant in their fee proposal.

The first phase will commence immediately upon appointment of the consultant. There will be a report back to the Board following the first phase and prior to commencement of design development.

SUMMARY

The firm of Roger Hughes+Partners Architects has assembled a team of professionals, and is qualified to provide full architectural services for this project. The architect's appointment is recommended by a committee representing Association members, District staff, aquatics staff, Planning and Operations staff and Centre staff. The proposed fee and allowance for disbursements are reasonable for the nature of project and size of budget.

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