

Date: April 13, 2005



**TO: Board Members – Parks and Recreation**

**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**

**SUBJECT: Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School  
Artificial Turf Project : Consultant Contract**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School artificial turf project to R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd., for the sum of \$78,107.00 (fees and disbursements) plus GST.*
- B. THAT no legal 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.*

**POLICY**

Consultant contracts over \$30,000 are awarded by the Board.

**BACKGROUND**

On November 1, 2004 the Board endorsed the development of a lit synthetic turf playing field at Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School, subject to concurrence by the Vancouver School Board, with the funding from the City Wide Development Cost Levy allocated for this purpose in the 2003-2005 Capital Plan. In addition, at the Board meeting of November 1, 2004, the Dunbar, Point Grey and Kerrisdale Soccer Clubs committed \$400,000 toward the project. Staff will be following up on the commitment of these funds.

The proposed development is located on a site that is jointly owned by the Vancouver School Board (VSB) (north end) and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (south end). The VPB is in the process of obtaining a license agreement for the use of the VSB portion of the field. The new artificial turf field will be used by students of Point Grey Secondary during school hours and by community groups the balance of the time. It is anticipated the main community use of the fields will be soccer groups, but the VSB would be using these fields for the entire range of school activities including soccer, field hockey, rugby, and informal play.

The concept plan was developed in conjunction with Athletica Sport and Recreation Design Ltd. The proposed field development will be an infill artificial turf system situated within the existing running track, with four high mast lamp standards around the perimeter. Parking will be available in the present parking lot, and the existing washrooms at the adjacent Kerrisdale Arena will be available for use. The construction cost is approximately \$1.6 M plus cost of handling and disposal of underlying peat deposits.

On March 17, 2005 there was an Open House held at Point Grey Secondary that was attended by about 70 people. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and supportive of our plans for the artificial turf proposal. The results of the Open House will be included in our development permit application that will be submitted in mid April.

The time line for the field development is to begin construction in July and to be completed by November of this year. In order for this to happen, a consultant needs to be in place by late April to begin working on the construction documents. At the end of March 2005, staff put out a proposal call to various artificial turf consultants. Proposals were received on April 8, 2005.

## **DISCUSSION**

Proposals were received from three artificial turf consultants:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Fee Proposal</b>
Durante Kreuk Ltd.	\$74,638.00
R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd.	\$78,107.00
Athletica Sport and Recreation Design Ltd.	\$123,000.00

The consultant selection included criteria such as experience in artificial turf projects, project team, methodology, references and cost. After thoroughly reviewing all submissions and making the necessary reference checks, staff recommend R.F Binnie & Associates Ltd. to be the turf consultant on this project. The proposed fee is reasonable, and while somewhat higher than the lowest fee, the recommended firm has a broad range of experience in the installation of this type of field dealing with a variety of soil and subsurface conditions.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommend that the consultant contract for the Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Artificial Turf Project be awarded to R.F Binnie & Associates Ltd for the sum of \$78,107 (fees and disbursements) plus GST. Funds are available for this amount.

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