

Date: December 2, 2005



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: John Hendry Park Master Plan:
Appointment of Consultant**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to prepare a master plan for John Hendry Park to Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg for the fee of \$41,000, plus disbursements and 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

Consultant contracts in excess of \$30,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

One of the items included in the recently-approved 2006-2008 Capital Plan is the preparation of a master plan for John Hendry Park. Another is the allocation of \$20 million to rebuild the Trout Lake Ice Rink and the Killarney Ice Rink.

There are two key reasons to prepare a master plan for John Hendry Park:

- The Trout Lake Ice Rink needs to be rebuilt in time for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the Trout Lake Community Centre, which is rated as a high priority in the Community Centre Renewal Plan, will be rebuilt in the next decade. Two scenarios exist for the recreation complex: to rebuild it in the same location; or to build it in a new location within the park.
- There are a number of outstanding park issues that need resolution, including possibilities for increased naturalization of the park, improvements to the park's walkway system, design changes to reduce conflicts between dogs and park users at/near the dog off-leash area, and responses to new and/or expanded park uses.

The master plan will have two phases. The first phase (January-March 2006) will focus on the siting of the recreational complex because the new ice rink needs to be operational by mid-2009. The second phase (March-April 2006) will focus on all other park issues. The master plan that will ultimately be presented to the Board will incorporate both phases of work.

DISCUSSION

The Terms of Reference for the preparation of the master plan for John Hendry Park were prepared by Park Board staff, with input from the Grandview Community Association, and sent out to six landscape architecture firms in Vancouver. Five proposals were received by the November 24, 2005 deadline.

Park Board staff and the Grandview Community Association reviewed the proposals; it is recommended that Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg, a reputable Vancouver-based landscape architecture firm, be appointed as the consultant for the fee of \$41,000 plus disbursements and GST.

Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg has relevant experience in the preparation of master plans for large parks, including the Hastings Park Restoration Plan for the Park Board (1997), the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area Management Plan (2000), and the Barnet Marine Park Master Plan in Burnaby (2003).

The firm has worked on numerous projects involving public consultation, and has displayed a good understanding of the issues at John Hendry Park. The firm's proposal allocates appropriate fees to the lead landscape architect and technical resources, which include architectural and traffic/parking expertise.

NEXT STEPS

The public consultation process will be initiated in January 2006. Work in January and February will focus on outlining overarching values about the park and the siting of the recreational complex. Work in March and April will focus other park issues, with a tentative completion date for the master plan in the spring of 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2006-2008 Capital Plan includes \$150,000 for the preparation of master plans for three parks: John Hendry Park, Memorial South Park and Renfrew Park. In order to meet the timeline associated with the reconstruction of the Trout Lake Ice Rink, approval in advance of the 2006 Capital Budget is being sought to award the contract to prepare the master plan for John Hendry Park.

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Phillips Farevaag Smalberg be awarded the contract for the preparation of a master plan for John Hendry Park for the fee of \$41,000, plus disbursements and GST.

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