

Date: March 23, 2006



**TO:** Board Members – Vancouver Park Board  
**FROM:** General Manager – Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Park Site: Consultant Award

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## RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Park Site project to Durante Kreuk Ltd. for the sum of \$40,000 (fees and disbursements);*
- 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

At the June 13, 2005 Board meeting the development concept as presented in the staff report of May 17, 2005 was approved. The concept was developed after considerable public consultation, and allows for the creation of a neighbourhood park with a playfield, children's playground, off leash dog area, meadow and trails within a naturalistic area. Funding would come from the Capital Plan as well as a contribution from the Conseil Scolaire Francophone (CSF) secondary school, which will fund the cost of the playing field and partially fund the cost of the trail system. The total budget available for the project is \$300,000 from the Capital Plan plus a significant contribution from the CSF school.

The next step is to hire a consultant to develop the plan further and report back with a final design for Board approval, in addition to reporting back with a proposed funding, financing and timing strategy.

## **DISCUSSION**

Proposals were received from three landscape architectural firms:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Fees and Disbursements</b>
Durante Kreuk Ltd.	\$40,000.00
Sharp & Diamond	\$43,502.00
PWL Partnership	\$52,305.00

After thoroughly reviewing all submissions, staff recommends the hiring of Durante Kreuk to be the consultant for this project. The proposed fee is within the suggested range, and the lowest of the three submitted proposals. The firm has an excellent track record, and is experienced in this sort of project involving interface with the public, habitat enhancement and playfield construction. Recent work on Park projects include Quilchena Park, Arbutus Greenway and Marina Square Park.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommend that the consultant contract for the Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Park project be awarded to Durante Kreuk Ltd. for the sum of \$40,000 (fees and disbursements). Funds are available for this amount in the 2006 Capital budget.

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