

Date: April 18, 2006



**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Conceptual Plan for Nelson Park**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

***THAT the Board approve the attached Durante Kreuk Ltd.'s conceptual design for Nelson Park as illustrated in this report.***

## **POLICY**

Conceptual designs are approved by the Board as part of the design process.

## **BACKGROUND**

On October 4, 2005 the Board's Planning Committee received a conceptual plan for Nelson Park and the adjacent School Board property. This plan was well received by the community. The Vancouver School Board (the School Board) expressed some concerns about aspects of the plan affecting the School Board property.

On April 3, 2006, the Board received a report recommending that Durante Kreuk Ltd. Landscape Architects, be awarded the Phase II contract for detailed design, construction drawings and construction site review. The Consultant has now refined the previous conceptual plan based on recent discussions with the School Board, and the new plan includes revisions which now meet the School Board's approval.

## **DISCUSSION**

Since April 3, 2006, Park Board staff have met with the School Board. The School Board has decided to include a playing field, and revised the parking lot on the east side of the school which builds out to the full property footprint of the school site with a minor equal exchange of property. The School Board wishes to fence the school site on all sides of their property (see Roberts Annex Primary School plan). Durante Kreuk Ltd. was asked to refine the conceptual design previously drawn by Kim Perry and Associates to reflect the plan presented by the School Board (see Durante Kreuk's conceptual plan).

Durante Kreuk brought the two plans together while maintaining the main features of the design, i.e. the “heart” of the park which includes a water feature and plaza, the off-leash fenced dog area, entry areas, seating and lighting in the main pathway. The washrooms/fieldhouse will remain in the park for the present. Staff at the Park Board and in the City are researching the possibilities of installing free standing washrooms in the future and then removing the existing fieldhouse.

The Committees which have been involved in the planning and design of the park were invited to review the revised concept on April 13, 2006.

There was general consensus to agree on the proposed concept and the majority of the participants are anxious to continue to the next level of design and onto construction.

### **SUMMARY**

Approval of the conceptual plan will allow the consultant to proceed with the detailed designs and construction drawings with a view to install the upgrade this summer.

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