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**TO:** Board Members – Vancouver Park Board  
**FROM:** General Manager – Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** Contract Awards approval for Nelson Park and the Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> parksite during summer recess

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## RECOMMENDATION

**A. THAT the Board authorize the General Manager of the Board of Parks and Recreation to award construction contracts for the upgrades of:**

- (i) Nelson Park to a maximum of \$650,000; and*
- (ii) Oak Street and 37<sup>th</sup> to a maximum of \$750,000;*

*during the summer recess of the Board.*

**B. THAT the Oak and 37th contract be awarded subject to the Board and Conseil Scolaire Francophone reaching an agreement with all details being to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

## POLICY

That the Board awards construction contracts over \$300,000. The Board has delegated this authority to the General Manager from time to time, especially during the summer recess.

## BACKGROUND

The Board approved the conceptual designs for Nelson Park and Oak and 37th on May 01 and May 15, 2006 respectively. The design consultant for both projects, Durante Kreuk Landscape Architects, has been working to resolve design details since May, in order to produce working drawings. Given the tight schedule, the funding of both projects will likely take place in August while the Board is on summer break.

## DISCUSSION

The construction costs for Nelson Park are estimated to be approximately \$650,000 including contingency.

The construction costs for Oak and 37th parksites including contingency are approximately \$750,000. The timing of the tender is scheduled for mid-August with a view to begin construction at the end of August.

### Cost Sharing Agreement

The Park Board and the Conseil Scolaire Francophone have been negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding governing the construction and operation of the playfield at Oak and 37<sup>th</sup>. Under the contemplated agreement the CSF would pay for 100% of the Capital Cost of the field and 50% of the Capital Cost of the perimeter trail. In addition the CSF will contribute 50% of ongoing maintenance and the revitalization of the field, performed every ten years.

In return, the CSF will have access to the field during school hours and certain other times. The contemplated term is 20 years plus a 5 year renewal option. The advantage to the CSF in this arrangement is that there is no requirement to purchase additional lands to operate its new school diagonally across from the Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> parksites.

Staff are still negotiating the details of this arrangement. Staff will report back on the negotiations, but this report seeks to proceed with construction once the General Manager is satisfied with the details of the arrangement, and the bidding process has been concluded.

### **SUMMARY**

Authorizing the General Manager to award the construction contracts for Nelson Park and 37<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street will allow construction to take place this summer.

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