

Date: August 30, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Project: Consultant Contract

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Vancouver Technical Secondary School artificial turf project to R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd., for the sum of \$95,550 (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.

On May 29, 2006 the Board approved the following:

- A. THAT the Board approve the development of a synthetic turf, sports field for Park uses on a portion of the grounds of the Vancouver Technical Secondary School ("VTSS"), by license agreement with the Vancouver School Board, in a form satisfactory to the City's Director of Legal Services, acquiring the right to use a portion of the grounds of the VTSS for that purpose and on City Council resolving that the City's rights to use those lands for that purpose are to be in the custody, care and management of the Board for the term of the license agreement, with all details of these arrangements to be to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;**
- B. THAT the source of funds for the construction of the Vancouver Technical field will be the City Wide Park DCL funds allocated for this purpose in the 2003 – 2005 Capital Plan, supplemented by up to \$400,000 previously committed by the Dunbar, Point Grey and Kerrisdale Soccer Clubs (the Clubs).**

BACKGROUND

On November 1, 2004 the Board requested Park Board staff continue to work with the Vancouver School Board (VSB) to facilitate the development of a synthetic turf field at Vancouver Technical Secondary School (Vancouver Technical). The selection of Vancouver Technical was based on a geotechnical assessment of five potential school sites. As result of the findings, Vancouver Technical along with Point Grey Secondary and Churchill Secondary Schools were chosen for synthetic field development. Vancouver Technical Secondary School synthetic turf field will be the second field constructed as part of the Park Board's Playing Field Renewal Plan.

The construction costs are estimated at \$1.5 million for this project. Funding is to come from the City-Wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) allocated for this purpose in the 2003-2005 capital plan.

The proposed development is located at 2600 East Broadway, a site that is owned by the VSB (see Appendix 1). The new artificial turf field will be used by students of Vancouver Technical during school hours and by community groups the balance of the time. While it is anticipated the main community use of the field will be for soccer, the VSB will be using the field for the entire range of school activities including soccer, field hockey, rugby, and informal play.

Park Board and VSB staff have met along with school liaisons to discuss issues surrounding the design and implementation of the field. These discussions included how to facilitate after hours use of the existing school washrooms in the gymnasium.

Upon completion of the conceptual design (scheduled for fall 2006) the Park Board will host open houses to solicit feedback from adjacent residents and other stakeholders. All revisions are to be completed by the end of 2006 with construction planned for the summer of 2007.

DISCUSSION

Proposals were received from two artificial turf consultants:

Company	Fee Proposal*
R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd.	\$102,500
Athletica Sport and Recreation Design Ltd.	\$102,058

** including additional required services from sub-consultants*

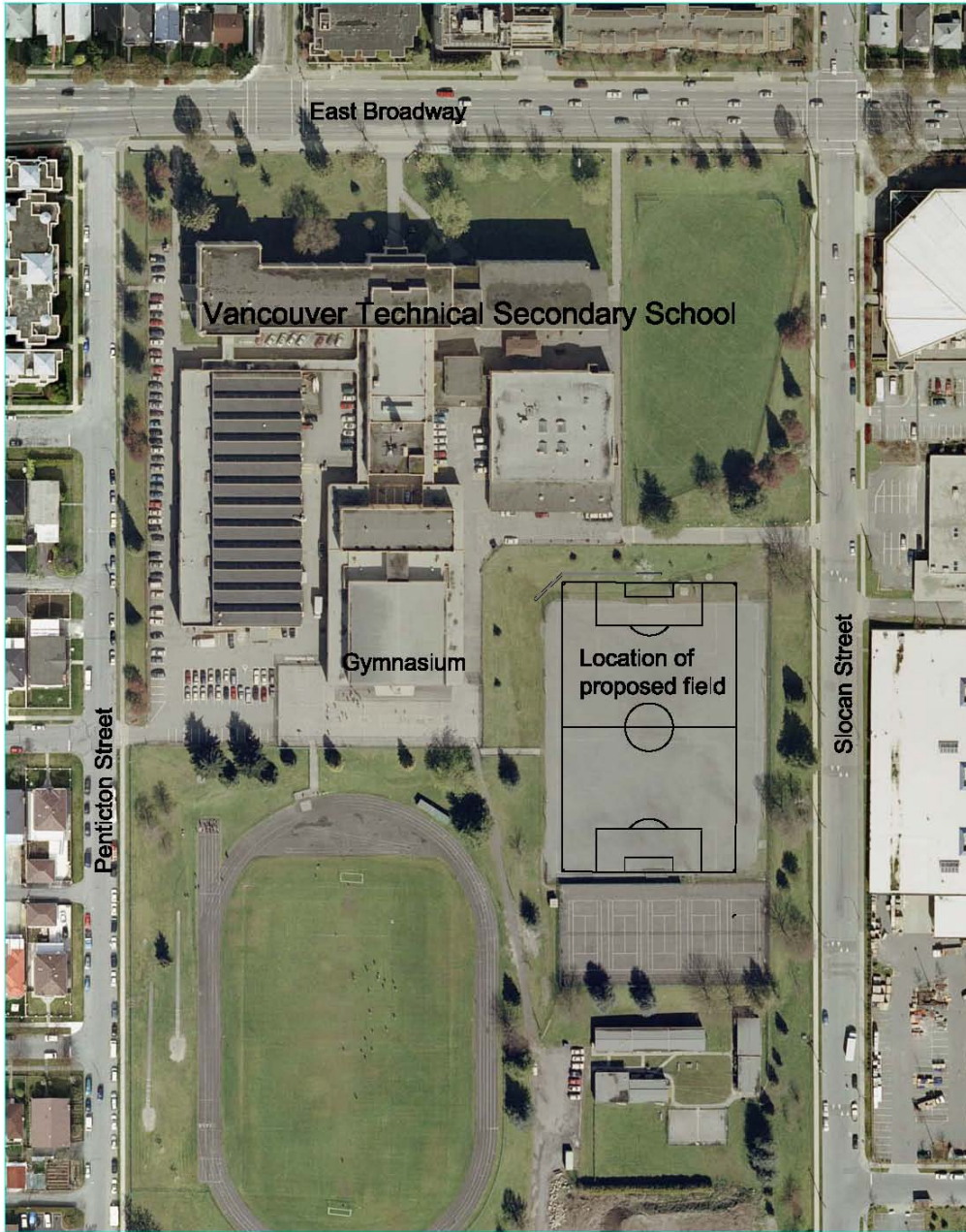
The consultant selection included criteria such as experience in artificial turf projects, project team, methodology, references and cost. Three firms were asked to respond to the request for proposal. R.F. Binnie & Associates and Athletica Sport and Recreation Design submitted proposals while Durante Kreuk declined. After reviewing the submissions and making the necessary reference checks, staff recommend R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd. to be the design consultant on this project. The firm has a broad range of experience in the installation of this type of field on a variety of soil and subsurface conditions. While slightly higher than the lowest bid, their proposal more thoroughly detailed the services to be provided for this project. Park staff have worked successfully in the past with this firm to implement the synthetic turf field at Point Grey Secondary School.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the consultant contract for the Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Project be awarded to R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd for the sum of \$95,550 (fees and disbursements) plus GST. Funds are available for this amount.

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PROJECT	Vancouver Technical Secondary School Artificial Turf Field
TITLE	Appendix 1

SCALE: N.T.S.