

Date: October 20, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Trout Lake Community Centre and Ice Rink

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the siting of the replacement facilities for the Trout Lake Community Centre and Ice Rink at site AB2 as proposed in this report.

POLICY

The Board approves major changes in Vancouver parks, including the siting and design of major recreational facilities.

BACKGROUND

The 2006-2008 Capital Plan includes for the preparation of a Master Plan for John Hendry Park, as well as an allocation of \$20 million to rebuild the Trout Lake Ice Rink and the Killarney Ice Rink.

The Trout Lake Community Centre has been identified in the Community Centre Renewal Plan as having a high priority for major reconstruction.

On January 16, 2006, the Board approved the hiring of Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg to assist with the preparation of the Master Plan.

At the May 16, 2006 meeting of the Board's Planning Committee, Park Board staff presented an overview of the work to-date and the public process associated with the plans for the new Trout Lake Community Centre and Ice Rink at John Hendry Park.

On May 29, 2006 the Park Board considered a report on the second location of the new Trout Lake Community Centre and Ice Rink at John Hendry Park approve the following motions:

- A) THAT the Board endorse the high priority design factors, the medium priority design factors, and the non-design factors listed in Appendix A as considerations to be incorporated into the upcoming conceptual design work for the new Trout Lake Community Centre and Ice Rink;

- B) THAT the Board endorse the southwest portion of John Hendry Park, as shown in Appendix B, as the site for the new Trout Lake Community Centre and Ice Rink and that the architect be instructed to develop options for site A, site B and a combination thereof.

On July 17, 2006, the Park Board hired Walter Francl Architect Inc. to assist with the design and construction contract administration of the Trout Lake Ice Rink and Schematic Design for a future new Community Centre.

DISCUSSION

After the appointment of Walter Francl Architect Inc. a Building Committee was formed, representing members of the Grandview Community Association, District staff, Community Centre and arena staff, Planning and Operations staff, and VANOC. The architectural team has met regularly with the Building Committee to obtain both input and feedback to support the development of siting options. The process was an iterative one, exploring many alternatives at the start, and, through the application of stated needs, technical and cost information, and of the design criteria, distilling those alternatives, first into four, and then into three options. As directed by the Board, options were considered for site A, site B, and a combination thereof.

The Architect assessed the three options against the design and non-design factors approved by the Board, and ranked them. Sketches depicting the options, designated as AB1, AB2, and B2 are attached to the report. The Architect will be in attendance to present the options and discuss how they respond to both the design and non-design factors.

On October 18, 2006, an Open House was held at Trout Lake Community Centre to share with the community the work of the Building Committee and the Architect. A presentation describing the design process and the options considered was made, and a questionnaire was distributed, requesting visitors to indicate their preferred option(s). The Open House was well attended and eighty-six feedback forms were submitted.

The Architect and the Building Committee subsequently met to discuss the feedback from the Open House. The Committee reached a consensus to recommend site AB2 be chosen, with the condition that the architect address the following concerns noted in the feedback comments be addressed:

- That the amount of usable green space be maximized;
- That the cost of rebuilding the tennis courts not compromise the construction of the Ice Rink;
- That the orientation of activity rooms in the Community Centre take advantage of mountain and lake views;

Staff support the recommendation of the Building Committee.

Should the Board approve the choice of site AB2, design work will commence immediately, with the objective of developing a schematic design for the rink and the Community Centre, as well as an estimate of cost for the project, by the end of December of 2006.

SUMMARY

After an analysis of two sites and a combination of the two, based on design and non-design factors approved by the Board, the Architect, staff and Building Committee recommend site AB2 as shown in the attached plan be chosen as the siting for the new Trout Lake Ice Rink and Community Centre.

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