

Date: April 24, 2007



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Victoria Park Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION

- (A) *THAT the Board award the contract to C.A.P Ventures Ltd. for the construction of Victoria Park Upgrade at Victoria Drive and Kitchener Street at a price not to exceed \$420,000;*
- (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

Construction contracts over \$300,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

Victoria Park is a 0.9 hectare neighbourhood park in the Grandview / Woodlands area, bounded by Victoria Drive in the east and Kitchener Street in the north. Since 2003, staff have been working with a neighbourhood group advocating for improvements to Victoria Park. The Board approved funding (\$575,000) for Victoria Park improvements in October 2005 as a part of the 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan. The conceptual design for Victoria Park was approved by the Board on January 15, 2007. At that time the Board added \$50,000 to the budget to enable the washrooms to be improved.

DISCUSSION

The upgrades to Victoria Park include the relocation of the bocce courts to the east side of the park. The relocation will allow for an enlarged open area of grass for passive recreation. There will be several permanent picnic tables installed adjacent to the courts. Paths will be added to improve the accessibility to the various park elements. The drainage will be upgraded to help address the excessively wet conditions. The contract also includes the installation of an arbour, a new drinking fountain, and concrete edging for the children's play area.

The new play equipment and improvements to the existing washrooms planned for the park will be tendered separately, with an estimated combined cost of \$175,000.

Two bids were received for the project:

Contractor	Bid Price	Union/Open Shop
C.A.P. Ventures Ltd.	\$420,000.00	Open Shop
Maplewood Landscapers Ltd.	\$508,500.00	Union

Staff have reviewed the submitted tenders and recommend that C.A.P Ventures Ltd. be retained. C.A.P. Ventures Ltd. has successfully completed a number of projects for the Park Board including Falaise, Sunrise and Kingcrest Parks.

SUMMARY

The Victoria Park Neighbourhood Group has worked incredibly hard to help facilitate improvements to this park. They, along with other members of the community, have been instrumental in shaping the design of the renewed park. With Board approval of this contract, construction will be able to proceed in making their vision a reality.

Staff recommend that the contract for the construction of Victoria Park Upgrade at Victoria Drive and Kitchener Street be awarded to C.A.P. Ventures Ltd. for a stipulated price of \$420,000. Funds are available for this amount.

Prepared by:

Planning and Operations, Park Development
Board of Parks and Recreation
Vancouver, B.C.
DAY