

Date: June 13, 2007



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Technical School Artificial Turf Project:
Construction Project Award

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C and D, the General Manager of Parks and Recreation be authorized to enter into a contract with Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. for \$1,436,000 plus GST, with funding to be provided from the Capital Budget;*
- B. THAT the General Manager of Parks and Recreation be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Park Board all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A;*
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks and Recreation in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;*
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by the Board's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed.*

POLICY

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

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. In May 2006, the Board approved the development of a synthetic turf sports field for park uses on a portion of the grounds at Vancouver Technical Secondary School by license agreement with the VSB. This will be the second synthetic turf field constructed as part of the Park Board's Playing Field Renewal Plan, with Point Grey having been successfully built in 2005.

The proposed development is located at 2600 East Broadway, a site that is owned by the VSB. The new artificial turf field will be used by students of Vancouver Technical during school hours and by community groups for 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. An Open House was held for Vancouver Technical in May 2007, as part of the Development Permit application for installation of lighting, and although there was a low turnout, the response was overwhelmingly in support of the construction of the synthetic turf field.

In September 2006, the Board approved the hiring of the consultants R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd., for the sum of \$95,550 to draft up plans for the project. The Civil Work and Lighting tenders were received on June 12, 2007, which includes work for the excavation of excess soils, base preparation, drainage, fencing and lighting. Work is anticipated to begin in early July and be substantially complete in the fall. The supply and installation of the turf will be let as a separate tender, with installation to begin in early September. If all conditions are favourable, it is anticipated that the field will be ready for January 2008.

The source of the funds for construction will be from the City Wide Park DCL funds allocated for this purpose in the current and previous Capital Plans.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were received from the following civil contractors:

Company	Price
Wilco Landscape Contractors	\$1,436,000
J.S. Ferguson Construction	\$2,493,500

The recommendation from staff, in consultation with the design consultants, is to hire Wilco Landscape Contractors. They have submitted the lowest bid, are qualified and are a firm that has successfully constructed the civil and lighting portions for numerous artificial turf fields in the Lower Mainland, including the one at Point Grey Secondary School.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the Civil and Lighting contract (T2007-6) be awarded to Wilco Landscape Contractors for the sum of \$1,436,000. Funds are available for this amount.

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