

Date: June 4th, 2009



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Tecumseh Park Upgrade

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with C.A.P. Ventures Ltd. in the amount of \$475,400.00, plus GST, for the construction of Tecumseh Park Upgrade as detailed in this report;*
- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;*
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;*
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.*

POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

Tecumseh Park is a 2.2 hectare (5.6 acres) neighbourhood park in the Victoria/Fraser/Killarney area, bounded by Commercial Street in the east and 43rd Avenue in the north. Existing park elements include mature trees, children's play equipment, and an undulating open grass area.

The City of Vancouver's Community Visioning process began in the Victoria/ Fraserview/ Killarney area June 2000. A subcommittee (The Tecumseh Park Improvement Committee) was formed in July 2003 and identified Tecumseh Park as the highest priority for improvements. In June 2004, the subcommittee hosted a community meeting in Tecumseh Park to discuss desired improvements. A workshop was held in July 2004 to further develop ideas. The Board approved funding for Tecumseh Park improvements in October 2005 as part of the 2006-2008 Capital Plan. In May 2008, Park Board staff held an open house where neighbouring residents were invited to provide further input into the redesign of Tecumseh Park. Two conceptual designs were developed by Park Board staff and were displayed at the Kensington Community Centre in July 2008 to solicit community feedback. The preferred conceptual design for Tecumseh Park was approved by the Board in September 15th 2008.

DISCUSSION

The upgrades to Tecumseh Park are to include: new play equipment and seating area, leveled lawn areas, improved drainage and new pathways to facilitate circulation around the perimeter of the park. Two paved areas will be installed to accommodate the groups that regularly practice Tai Chi. Additional trees and new plantings will provide shade and beautify the main entrance to the park. The contract also includes the installation of a drinking fountain near the playground and a separate fountain for dogs along the new perimeter pathway as designed for the Victoria Park upgrade.

Five bids were received for the project:

Contractor	Bid Price
C.A.P. Ventures Ltd.	\$475,400.00
Terra Design inc.	\$510,000.00
Cedar Crest Lands Ltd.	\$523,883.00
Wilco Landscape Westcoast Inc.	\$537,000.00
Zagreb Construction Inc.	\$792,000.00

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 Victoria, Falaise, Sunrise and Kingcrest Parks.

SUMMARY

The Tecumseh Park Improvement Committee has worked hard to help facilitate improvements to this park. They along with other members of the community have helped to shape the design of the redeveloped park. With Board approval of this contract, the much needed improvements to Tecumseh Park will be realized.

Staff recommend that the contract for the construction of Tecumseh Park Upgrade at Commercial Street and 43rd Avenue be awarded to C.A.P. Ventures Ltd. for a stipulated price of \$475,400. Funding for this project is in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan.

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