

Date: October 7, 2009



**TO:** Board Members – Vancouver Park Board  
**FROM:** General Manager – Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** Contract Award - Kitsilano Beach Park Playground

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## RECOMMENDATION

- A.** *THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with HB Lanarc Consultants Ltd. in the amount of \$64,725 including disbursements, for landscape architectural design services for the upgrade of Kitsilano Beach Park Playground to an accessible playground 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

The Kitsilano Beach Park Playground is on the Board's list of playgrounds needing significant upgrading and/or replacement, and it was included in the 2006-08 Capital Plan.

On July 20, 2009 the Board approved the upgrading of the Kitsilano Beach Park playground to an accessible playground in partnership with Legacies Now Society, the Province, Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation. The total budget for the project is \$500,000.

The purpose of this report is for the Board to award the consultancy to a local landscape architecture firm. The landscape architecture firm will be responsible for the playground's detailed design development; tender drawings and specifications; as well as for the review and inspection of the contractor's work during construction.

## **DISCUSSION**

Initially the local landscape architecture firm will participate in the public process, concept development and detail design phases as part of a team lead by Shane's Inspiration – (a California based design firm specializing in designing universally accessible playgrounds). Shane's Inspiration has offered its design expertise to the development of a concept plan as an in kind contribution.

Further design development, cost estimates, production of tender/construction drawings and specifications will be primarily the local firm's responsibility along with overseeing construction. These responsibilities are based upon the Park Board's "Consultant Agreement" which the Consultant will enter into with the Park Board upon award of the project.

All stages of the scope of work are subject to review by the Park Board, community and public and adequate time is to be left for review and approval at each stage by the representative group. This work includes the consultant's responsibility to compile and obtain all technical, geotechnical, utilities, electrical and water information from Engineering Services and from other sources including sub-consultants as well as site plans, field irrigation, etc., from the Park Board.

In general it is expected that the scope of this project will include:

- Consultations with the general public (two public "workshop" style meetings).
- Design consultations with staff as required.
- Presentations to the Planning Committee and the Board.
- Project management once construction is initiated.

Three local landscape architecture firms responded to the Request for Proposals. The firms and their respective fees for the services outlined in the Terms of Reference are noted below:

Tenders were received from the following contractors:

Company	Price
Durante Kruek Ltd.	\$54,000
HB Lanarc Consultants Ltd.	\$64,725
Jonathan Losee Ltd.	\$68,600

HB Lanarc Consultants Ltd. is the recommended firm for the award of the Kitsilano Beach Park Playground consultancy based on the strength of their proposal in the areas of project understanding and expertise in designing universally accessible playgrounds. For example, one of the members of the HB Lanarc team (SGolden + Associates) was commissioned by The Rick Hansen Foundation to develop principles and best practices for designing natural, creative and innovative universally accessible playspaces. Further, the HB Lanarc team has relevant experience working with Shane's Inspiration – SGolden + Associates was part of a team involved in the design development of the universally accessible playground at the Whistler's Celebration Plaza. The low bidder did not list subconsultants.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommend that the consultant contract including the production of detailed design and construction drawings/tender documents as well as construction supervision for the Kitsilano Beach Park Playground project be awarded to HB Lanarc Consultants Ltd. for the sum of \$64,725. Funds are available for this amount.

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