

Date: January 21, 2010



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Approval of Concept and Consultancy Award-
Norquay Park Upgrade

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed upgrade of Norquay Park as described in this report and as illustrated in Appendix 2;*
- B. THAT subject to Recommendations C,D and E, the Board enter into a contract with Durante Kreuk Ltd. in the amount of \$47,548, plus GST, for the upgrade of Norquay Park as detailed in this report;*
- C. 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;*
- D. 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;*
- E. 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

The Board approves new park designs.

Consultancy contracts over \$30,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

Norquay Park is 2.23 hectare park on the east side of Vancouver, bounded by Kingsway, Rhodes Street, 38th Avenue and Wales Street. The park is characterized by sportsfields in the southern portion and a northern portion consisting of a wading pool, playground washroom/fieldhouse, passive grass areas and large shade trees (Appendix 1).

The current 2009-2011 capital plan had identified the need for upgrades to the northern portion of Norquay Park, and had earmarked \$300,000 for the upgrade, and combined with additional funding of \$500,000 provides a total project budget of \$800,000. A requirement of the grant is that the projects are completed by March 2011.

In October of 2009, the Norquay Park Working group was formed consisting of members of the public, City of Vancouver Planning staff and Park Board staff. The Working group reviewed the neighbourhood planning that had been conducted to date, and identified constraints and opportunities for the park upgrade.

Out of the working group meetings a concept plan was developed, with improvements to include a playground, sportcourt, water spray park, plaza, tai chi area, pedestrian walkways, enhanced entrances, plantings and site furnishings (Appendix 2). In November and December of 2009 the concept plan was circulated to various stakeholders including Killarney and Renfrew Community Centres, Collingwood Neighbourhood House, youth workers and park neighbours for review and feedback.

DISCUSSION

On January 13, 2010 an Open House was held at Killarney Community Centre to provide residents an opportunity to provide feedback and input into the park upgrade. The Open House was attended by about 40 people, and the concept plan was well received.

On December 17, 2009 a Request for Proposal went out to 10 landscape architecture consulting firms. The scope of the consultancy included design development, working drawings and specifications, tendering and construction services. Proposals were received from 8 firms on January 14. Following are their submitted bids:

Company	Price
Durante Kreuk Ltd.	\$47,548.00
Eckford & Associates	\$50,000.00
Van der Zalm + Associates	\$64,950.00
Lees & Associates	\$65,480.00
Perry and Associates	\$105,000.00
Jonathan Losee Ltd.	\$101,275.00
HBLanarc	\$135,716.00
Sharp & Diamond Landscape Architecture	\$136,202.00

The landscape architecture consulting firm, Durante Kreuk Ltd. was the lowest bid and are well qualified for this consultancy contract. They were consultants for a number of successful park projects for Park Board, including Pioneer Place, Quilchena Park, Oak Meadows, Nelson Park and Andy Livingstone Park.

The next step is to have the consultants proceed with refining the concept plan and developing working drawings. Construction is planned to begin in the summer and be completed by next spring.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the concept plan be approved for Norquay Park upgrade, and that the consultancy contract be awarded to Durante Kreuk Ltd. for the sum of \$47,548.00. Funds are available for this amount.

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Appendix 1: Context Map, 2010

Appendix 2: Concept Plan, December 2009

APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT MAP, 2010



APPENDIX 2: CONCEPT PLAN, DECEMBER 2009

