



February 8, 2018

**TO:** Park Board Chair and Commissioners  
**FROM:** General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** Renfrew Ravine & Renfrew Community Park Renewals - Construction Contract

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## RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager, the City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into a contract with Rust Investments Ltd. (dba Shangri-La Landscaping), for renewal at Renfrew Ravine and Community Parks, with an estimated contract value of \$701,942.51 plus applicable taxes to be funded through the capital budget;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official, and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of Recommendations A and B above, until the contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City and Park Board as set out in these Recommendations.

## REPORT SUMMARY

An Invitation to Tender (ITT - PS20171507) was issued in December 2017 for the implementation of park renewals at Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Parks. The ITT was advertised on the City of Vancouver website and on BC Bid, and the work was called in accordance with the terms and condition of the City's [Procurement Policy AF-015-01](#). The ITT evaluation committee and subsequently the Bid Committee have considered the responses received, and on that basis recommend that the Park Board negotiate, and if such negotiations are successful, enter into a contract as described above with Rust Investments LTD (dba Shangri-La Landscapes).

## BOARD AUTHORITY / PREVIOUS DECISIONS

As per the [Vancouver Charter](#), the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction and control over park land use in the City of Vancouver, including any structures, programs and activities, fees, and improvements that occur within designated parks.

The Park Board's Procurement Policy requires that contracts with values from \$500,000 and less than \$2,000,000 must be approved by the Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Official concurrence.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Still Creek**

Still Creek is the longest of the few visible creeks remaining in Vancouver and is part of a larger rehabilitation project within the City of Vancouver. Still Creek runs through both Renfrew Ravine Park and Renfrew Community Park, and nearly 1 km of the creek is visible within the parks. More information about Still Creek is available in the [Still Creek Rehabilitation Enhancement Study \(2002\)](#).

### **Renfrew Ravine Park**

Renfrew Ravine Park is 6.0 hectares in size and is located north of the 29th Ave Skytrain Station and south of East 22nd Ave. It is a unique park in Vancouver and contains the only creek in a park natural ravine setting. The park acts primarily as a nature sanctuary with some community art and a few short sections of trail within. Access to the park periphery is provided through a broken network of trails, primarily located along the southeast edge of the park. There is currently one east west crossing through the park at 27th Avenue which is commonly referred to as the “land bridge” (it contains city utilities). Much of the park and creek is and will remain inaccessible due to steep slopes and varying unstable soil conditions. The western edge of the park along Renfrew Street has never been formalized and as a result has become a place where management of garbage and refuse is an ongoing issue for park operations.

### **Renfrew Community Park**

Renfrew Community Park is a 5.0 hectare park which houses several community facilities including the Renfrew Public Library and the Renfrew Community Centre and indoor pool. The park also hosts a field house, a large football field, lacrosse box and playground. The slopes adjacent to Still Creek in Renfrew Community Park are navigable and a trail system has been developed along the creek with two bridge structures to allow for crossings. The creek condition changes from more natural in the southern portion of the park to a concrete channel near the northern portion of the park. The creek then ties into a culvert and is not visible again until 14th Street. The creek is managed by Metro Vancouver.

### **Renfrew and 14th Street**

In addition to the Park Board work being done to restore Renfrew Ravine, the City of Vancouver Engineering and Planning departments have been working to daylight and improve access and ecological function to several other sections of Still Creek as it passes through the Grandview Boundary industrial area. These departments are interested in including the construction of a viewing platform on the east side of Renfrew Street at East 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in this contract. If City funds for the endeavor can be sourced, Park Board staff have agreed to include it; however at this time, funding is not identified.

### **Renfrew Ravine Master Plan**

A master plan for the two parks was completed in 2013 (Master Plan for Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Parks ([September 5, 2013 Board Report](#))). The public engagement process yielded a recommended concept plan for both parks which focused on ecological restoration, rehabilitation of the creek and continued development of trails. As a result, these items were the focus of this tender. Other items identified included ravine look-out points for Renfrew Ravine Park and new play equipment, a dog park, and a splash park for Renfrew Community Park. The work in this contract aligns with the Master Plan and with the Park Board Strategic Framework, especially with respect to the priority direction for being leaders in greening and

creating greener spaces. It also links to the goal for providing great experiences in that the trail system will provide increased access to the natural areas, including accessible trails in Renfrew Community Park.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Renfrew Ravine Renewal 2018**

The scope of work identified for the 2018 renewal for Renfrew Community Park includes the enhancement of existing walking trails, the addition of an accessible connection to the trail system, new sets of stairs, a new creek crossing, and the addition of native vegetation and trees to enhance the character of the site and protect the waterway. The renewal also includes the addition of a small off-leash dog park that has been designed in accordance with the recently adopted People, Parks and Dogs Strategy. The scope of work for the 2018 renewal of Renfrew Ravine Park includes the addition of a staircase and a boardwalk to provide limited access into the sensitive Still Creek environment, the addition of native planting and trees, and the enhancement and strengthening of the western park edge with fencing and a natural vegetative border.

The scope of the proposed work was presented to the Renfrew Community Centre Association Board for information and the trail layouts have been coordinated with the organizers of the Still Arts Moon Festival organizers whose yearly Still Arts Moon Festival lantern walk is a highly celebrated community event that takes place partially within the trail along Still Creek in Renfrew Community Park. The work has also been coordinated with Metro Vancouver, who manages the channelized portion of the stream in Renfrew Community Park, as well as the culverts.

The proposed construction window is between June 1 and September 1 of 2018, based on conditional approval of a Provincial permit in accordance with the Water Sustainability Act (WSA) to conduct in-stream works.

The purpose of the ITT was to identify suppliers with a demonstrated capability to provide construction services over the term of the contract, with competitive pricing and ability to meet the Park Board's service requirements.

## **STRATEGIC ANALYSIS**

The ITT was issued in the accordance with Park Board's Procurement Policy. Bids were received from Rust Investments Limited (\$701,942.51), Canadian Landscape and Civil Services (\$734,047.00), North Construction Ltd. (\$863,067.00), and Wilco Civil Inc (\$1,108,383.00). The tenders were evaluated based on compliance to tender requirements and prices offered. Compliance checks and evaluations were conducted by Supply Chain Management, and the project team (includes Business Unit team and Consultant team) were given the opportunity to review the bids. The recommended tenderer submitted the lowest-priced compliant tender.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Finance has reviewed and confirmed that funding is available in the 2018 Capital Budget. As a result, the Park Board is able to achieve cost certainty for the proposed contract term.

## **LEGAL**

The Park Board's Procurement Policy requires that all contracts will be on terms and conditions approved by the Director of Legal Services, with any material deviation from the approved terms and conditions of any document requiring the prior approval of the Director of Legal Services.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommend that the Vancouver Park Board enter into a contract with Rust Investments Ltd. (dba Shangri-La Landscaping) for the renewal of Renfrew Ravine and Community Parks as described in this report and as set out in the ITT - PS20171507 documents.

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