



Date: June 20, 2001

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT - VANDUSEN
GARDEN BUILDING STUDY**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board award a contract to Downs/Archambault & Partners in the amount of \$38,500, including disbursements, not including GST, with the funding to be split between the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association and the Park Board as described in the report.

POLICY

The Board approves consultant contracts over \$30,000.

BACKGROUND

The VanDusen Botanical Garden Association on August 23, 2000 issued an expression of its long term goals, entitled **A Clear Vision for a Bright Future**. This document was approved by the Park Board at its meeting of September 11, 2000.

The directors of Queen Elizabeth District and of Planning and Operations agree with the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association that a study is now required to carry out an audit of the pavilion precinct of the Garden. The study will also develop a conceptual design for redevelopment of the buildings and immediately adjacent spaces, including entry walkways, verandahs, decks, parking lot, and planted areas. The resulting report will present a design concept to address the issues raised in the Vision document and will generate estimates and graphic presentation materials to support the raising of funding to cover the required renovations and additions.

DISCUSSION

Proposals were requested from three consulting firms skilled in the type of work planned. An interview committee consisting of three VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association members and three staff members interviewed the three consulting firms listed below:

- Urban Forum Associates
- Downs /Archambault & Partners
- Hotson Bakker Architects

The committee recommends the Board appoint the firm of Downs /Archambault & Partners and award them a contract in the amount of \$38,500, including disbursements excluding GST. The VanDusen Botanical Garden Association is contributing \$19,000, leaving required Park Board funding of \$19,500, which is available within the 2001 Capital and VanDusen Garden operating accounts. A letter confirming the donation from the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association is attached to this report.

Work on the study is expected to commence immediately and be completed within fourteen weeks.

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