

Date: October 23, 2002



**TO :** Board Members - Parks and Recreation  
**FROM :** General Manager - Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT :** Appointment of Architect for the Renfrew Park Community Centre Pool and Code Upgrades

---

## RECOMMENDATION

*A) THAT the Board award a contract for the architectural and engineering services for the pool and code upgrading at the Renfrew Park Community Centre to Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$259,000, including disbursements, plus GST .*

*B) THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.*

## POLICY

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

## BACKGROUND

The Gage Babcock and Associates Ltd. study of 1996 identified instances where the Renfrew Park Community Centre fell short in meeting the Vancouver Building By-law. In 1999 the Renfrew Park Community Centre Pool Feasibility / Cost Study identified options and costs for improvements to Renfrew Park Community Centre's swimming pool, and related areas.

The Aquatic Services Review, approved by the Board in February of 2002, included a recommendation to designate Renfrew Pool as a "neighbourhood pool", a modernized version of the local indoor pools currently in the Park Board inventory , and focusing on swim lessons, fitness and training.

The 2000-2002 Capital Plan approved the following funding for Renfrew Park Community Centre:

- \$950,000 for pool tank rebuild, including gutters, filters and pumps
- \$1,045,000 for code upgrading, including seismic improvements and an elevator.

## **DISCUSSION**

Four qualified architectural firms were invited to submit proposals for architectural, engineering, and cost control services for the project. Three proposals were received, detailing the proponents' assigned staff, qualifications, experience and references.

A selection committee representing the Association, District staff, aquatics staff, planning staff, and Centre staff was struck. The selection committee interviewed the three consulting firms that submitted proposals, and reached consensus in recommending the engagement of Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc., given the firm's:

- extensive background in aquatic facilities
- demonstration of relevant experience in the design and renovation of community pool facilities
- clarity in addressing the program for the proposed pool and code upgrading
- presentation of their project team as appropriate for the project and for Renfrew Park Community Centre.

The principal of Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc., Bruce Carscadden, has worked as project architect on the Renfrew Library and the Renfrew Pool Feasibility Study. He has acted as project architect on a number of major swimming pool projects, including a recent major pool renovation in Kelowna.

Following the Board's approval, design work can commence immediately.

## **SUMMARY**

The firm of Bruce Carscadden Architecture Inc. has assembled a team of professionals, and is qualified to provide full architectural services for this project. The architect's appointment is recommended by a committee representing Association members, District staff, aquatics staff, Planning and Operations staff and Centre staff. The proposed fee and disbursements are consistent with the nature of project and size of budget.

Prepared by:  
Planning & Operations Division  
Board of Parks & Recreation  
Vancouver, BC  
/pp