



Date: February 12, 2003

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape: Consultant Contract

RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>A. THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape to Kim Perry & Associates, for the sum of \$347,351 (fees and disbursements) plus GST.</p> <p>B. THAT no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.</p> |
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POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

The Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) is in the process of rebuilding its Little Mountain Reservoir at an estimated cost of \$37.6 Million. At this point, construction is on schedule, with completion anticipated for December 2003. The GVRD and Vancouver Park Board (VPB) held two Open Houses in 2001 and one in 2002 to hear from the public regarding this development. In April 2001 a contract was awarded to Kim Perry and Associates for \$12,800 to develop a concept plan for the restoration of the rooftop landscape. In January 2002, the concept was presented to the Board and further reviewed in a public Open House at the Riley Park Community Centre in March 2002. The overwhelming majority of the respondents confirmed that the overall design met the long term vision, and commented favourably on the proposed components, including accommodation for tai chi, water elements, a sculpture garden, multi-use pavilions, more greenery and a reduced parking area.

The 2003-2005 Capital Plan provides \$2.9 Million for the rooftop landscape, which includes administrative costs, consultancy fees, construction costs and contingencies. It is anticipated that the design stage will begin in March 2003, construction in the spring of 2004, and project completion in the fall of 2004.

The anticipated timeline is:

Concept/ Schematic	March- April 2003
Design Development	May- July 2003
Contract Documents	August- December 2003
Tendering	January- February 2004
Construction	March- October 2004

DISCUSSION

The next stage in this project is to retain a consultant to refine the concept plan, and then take it through the design development, contract documents, tendering and construction phase. This project is exceptionally complicated, requiring extensive coordination with the GVRD and on a tight timeline. The insight and knowledge Kim Perry and Associates has gained through the development of the concept plan is invaluable in helping this next stage proceed in a timely manner while maintaining the quality of work that has been shown so far. They have done a commendable job in working with, and receiving input from staff and the public in developing the concept plan, which has been favourably received.

We recommend this consultant contract be awarded to Kim Perry and Associates. Proposed contract includes subconsultants with expertise in engineering, architecture and water fountain design. The fee proposal is reasonable, and within the guidelines established by the B.C. Society of Landscape Architects. The firm has successfully completed projects for the Park Board and private developers.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the consultant services for the Queen Elizabeth Park Reservoir Landscape project be awarded to Kim Perry and Associates for the sum of \$347,351 (fees and disbursements) plus GST. Funds are available for this amount.

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