



Date: July 8, 2003

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: CHAMPLAIN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE
ADDITION - GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL OF THE
TENDER DURING THE BOARD'S SUMMER BREAK**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board grant authority to the General Manager to award the construction contract for Champlain Heights Community Centre addition, as may be required during the Board's 2003 summer recess.

POLICY

The Board reviews and awards all contracts in excess of \$300,000.

BACKGROUND

On January 27, 2003, the Board approved the design of the addition to Champlain Heights Community Centre as designed by Acton Ostry Architects. The project has been submitted for both development and building permits.

In March, 2003, the Association received verbal approval from the Vancouver South Constituency office that a Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program grant of \$240,000 had been approved. As a result, the building committee asked staff to redesign the project, assuming the inclusion of the promised \$240,000 grant. Based on the anticipated Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program grant award, plans for the centre have been revised to include additional area to the multipurpose room, teen room, and fitness centre.

The budget for project funding is as follows:

Balance of the 1998 Capital Budget funds	\$ 150,000
Champlain Heights Community Association contribution	\$ 20,000
CAC's from Champlain Mall Development	\$ 700,000
DCL for Child Development Centre	\$ 445,000
Anticipated Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program grant	\$ 240,000
TOTAL:	\$1,555,000

DISCUSSION

Confirmation of the promised Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program grant has not been received. However, tenders for the project could be called as soon as July 17, 2003, subject to receiving confirmation of the grant funds in the amount of \$240,000. Without confirmation of the promised funding, staff cannot tender the project.

Project award could occur as soon as August 7, 2003. Granting authority to the General Manager to award the project during the Board's summer recess could allow the project to commence approximately four weeks prior to the Board's first meeting on return from the summer recess, on September 8, 2003.

Award of the project in early August 2003 by the General Manager, instead of at the next scheduled Board meeting of September 8, 2003, will mean that a majority of the excavation work necessitated by the addition to the Centre can occur prior to the rainy season. In addition, the anticipated completion of the addition could occur prior to the Champlain Heights Community Centre's Summer programming session.

The construction budget for this project is \$1,150,000. In addition to this amount, separate prices have been included for painting and mechanical improvements to the existing building for which a total of approximately \$25,000 will be funded from other budgets.

SUMMARY

Staff have submitted for a Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure grant on behalf of the Association. If the \$240,000 infrastructure grant is confirmed by July 17, 2003, tenders for the Champlain Heights Community Centre addition can be received as early as August 7, 2003.

This report seeks authority for the General Manager to award the construction contract during the summer recess, should the tenders be received in early August, 2003.

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