

Date: March 23, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Nelson Park Upgrade – Landscape Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board award the Phase II landscape architectural contract for the upgrade of Nelson Park to Durante Kreuk Ltd. at fees plus disbursements of \$50,000;*
- B. THAT no legal 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.*

POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2005, Perry and Associates was hired to undertake the conceptual design and the public processing for the upgrade of Nelson Park. The contract did not go to the Board as the fees were under \$30,000. This first phase of the conceptual contract expired on October 4, 2005. A new phase of development, which will include refinement of the conceptual plan, one more public meeting, detailed design, construction drawings, cost estimating, tendering and construction site reviews, will begin with approval of this contractual award.

DISCUSSION

Six landscape architectural firms were asked to submit proposals and two responses were received:

	Firm Name	Fee/disbursement
1.	Durante Kreuk Ltd. (excluding sub-consultants)	\$50,000
2.	Kim Perry & Associates (excluding sub-consultants)	\$75,000

Upon review of the submissions, staff recommend Durante Kreuk Ltd. They are recommended as the Consultants for 37th and Oak Park as well. They are a large enough firm with extensive resources enabling them to handle both projects.

Recent projects include:

Quilchena Park, Arbutus Greenway Park and Marina Square Park

The latest version of the concept plan is attached for information only and the outstanding issues to be addressed in the refinement of the concept plan are:

- Location of school parking
- Future disposition of fieldhouse

The revised concept plan may incorporate some redevelopment of the adjacent School Board property. Our expectation is that these redevelopment costs would be borne by the Vancouver School Board and we will follow up with them as part of the design process.

This consultancy provides the refinement of the concept plan to be addressed in the next month or so and the revised concept will be brought back to the Board prior to the next stages of this consultancy being implemented.

SUMMARY

The award of this contract for the second phase of design fees for Nelson Park will allow the detailed design and construction drawings to begin with a view to construction of this project this summer.

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