

Date: November 28, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Percy Norman Aquatic Centre – Contract Awards

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board delegate its contract award authority to the General Manager in regard to the development of the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre, which will be built through jointly funded contracts to be awarded by VANOC;***
- B. THAT the Board endorse recommendations A, B and C of the attached City Council Report entitled Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre Agreement.***

POLICY

The Board approves all construction contracts over \$300,000.

BACKGROUND

On September 25, 2006 the Board endorsed a Council Report which provided the cost estimates and funding sources for the realization of the Hillcrest Curling Venue and the attached Percy Norman Aquatic Centre.

DISCUSSION

The attached Council Report provides a detailed description of the proposed project delivery method, which is summarized below. The construction of the Hillcrest Curling Venue/Percy Norman Aquatic Centre is to be undertaken by way of contract management. Under this approach a Construction Manager will be retained by VANOC who will coordinate the procurement and delivery of about 14 trade contractors, all of whom will have direct contracts with VANOC. All construction contracts will be funded by VANOC and the City/Park Board.

An already established Capital Works Committee, with an equal number of representatives from the City/Park Board and VANOC, will guide the construction of the Hillcrest Curling Venue, and the General Manager of Parks and Recreation will guide the construction of the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre. The General Manager is a member of the Capital Works Committee.

Since these construction contracts will cover both work on the Hillcrest Curling Venue and the Percy Norman Aquatic Centre, it is important that the General Manager has the authority to approve all the trade contracts, without jeopardizing the schedule by reporting back to the Board on as many as 14 contracts.

In order to ensure a timely and cost effective delivery of the Hillcrest Curling Venue and Percy Norman Pool, the delegation of the authority is recommended, and the total estimated construction cost of the Pool and associated site works is \$25.63 million.

The attached Council Report authorizes this approach and seeks Council approval for an amended Venue agreement with VANOC, a six monthly reporting back procedure to both the Park Board and Council on the project budget schedule, and finally, approves the borrowing authority for the unallocated Percy Norman Aquatic Centre funds (\$17.6 million).

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