

Date: June 20, 2007



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: Stanley Park Restoration:
Contract Award for Recovery Operation**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. *THAT the Board award the contract to Bryan Peterson Contracting Ltd. for the Stanley Park Restoration – Recovery Operation, at a price not to exceed \$500,000;***
- 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

Construction contracts over \$300,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

During the winter of 2006-2007, three major windstorms struck Stanley Park, causing significant destruction, including the blowing down of more than 10,000 trees and substantial damage to the seawall between Prospect Point and Third Beach.

On April 16, 2007, the Park Board approved the Stanley Park Restoration Plan, which was prepared by a multi-disciplinary team and included broad community consultation. The Restoration Plan identified a vision for the whole of Stanley Park's forest, goals for the restoration of the park, and a series of restoration activities.

Three major restoration activities relate to work within the blowdown areas:

- The modification or removal of danger trees;
- The removal of an appropriate amount of fallen trees; and
- The removal of fine woody debris.

These three activities form the core assignment of what has been called the Recovery Operation. It is anticipated that the total value of the contract will be greater than \$300,000.

DISCUSSION

A request for proposals (RFP) for the Recovery Operation was advertised in the June 16, 2007 Vancouver Sun and placed on the B.C. Bid website and the Park Board website. The RFP was also sent directly to 5 firms on June 11, 2007.

The RFP sought a wide range of information from proponents, including:

- Their ability to mobilize and commence work at the earliest possible date;
- Their proposed plan of approach;
- Their proposed work schedule;
- Their proposed methodology for coordinating with Park Board staff;
- Their business and technical reputation and capabilities;
- Their experience operating in parks and environmentally sensitive areas;
- The environmental responsibility demonstrated by the proponent.

The RFP sought unit prices for the following specialized workers and equipment:

- Certified faller, buckler
- Certified danger tree faller
- Labourer
- Hoe-chucker operator
- Feller buncher with operator
- Lowbed truck and trailer with operator
- Excavator with operator
- Self-loading log truck (6 axle minimum) with operator
- Conventional log truck (6 axle minimum) with operator
- Self-loading log truck for short logs with operator
- Conventional log truck for short logs with operator
- Rubber-tired line skidder with operator
- Demolition box truck with operator
- Tub grinder with operator
- All-wheel-drive, articulated dump truck with operator
- Forwarder with operator

Two proposals were received by the deadline on June 18, 2007.

- Bryan Peterson Contracting Ltd.
- Copcan Contracting Ltd.

Both bidders fulfilled all requirements of the RFP.

Staff have reviewed the submitted proposals. Both bidders meet the following requirements:

- They have the ability to mobilize and commence work at the earliest possible date;
- Their proposed plan of approach, work schedule and methodology for coordinating with Park Board staff meet the expectations of Park Board staff, and,
- They have demonstrated their business and technical reputation and capabilities, and have experience operating in parks and environmentally sensitive areas.

Staff recommend that the contract be awarded to Bryan Peterson Contracting Ltd. because:

- Of the 13 categories for workers and equipment for which both proponents submitted prices, Bryan Peterson Contracting Ltd. is the low-bidder in eleven categories by an average of approximately 40%. There are two categories for which Bryan Peterson Contracting Ltd. is not the low-bidder: one for which their price is less than 10% above the other bidder and one for which their price is less than 1% above the other bidder.

The contract will be based on unit prices. Based on the anticipated volume of work, staff are recommending that the contract be capped at \$500,000.

SUMMARY

An important component of the Stanley Park Restoration Plan is the modification or removal of danger trees and the removal of most fallen trees and fine woody debris from the blowdown areas. Staff recommend that the contract for this Recovery Operation be awarded to Bryan Peterson Contracting Ltd. The Recovery Operation will start immediately and is expected to be completed in approximately three months.

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