

Date: May 8, 2008



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Emery Barnes Park Phase 2

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Jonathan Losee Ltd. in the amount of \$111,500.00 plus GST, for landscape architectural design services for Phase II of Emery Barnes Park as detailed in this report;*
- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;*
- C. THAT upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;*
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board;*
- E. THAT the temporary source of funding for this consultancy be the Park Board Land Acquisition Fund, which is to be refunded upon Council approving the entire Emery Barnes Park Phase 2 funding package.*

POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

The City/Park Board has assembled land for the purpose of developing Phase 2 of Emery Barnes Park in Downtown South, bordered by Seymour, Davie and Helmcken Streets. Phase 2 of the park will encompass the entire block with the exception of the existing development at the corner of Seymour and Helmcken Street. Phase 2 of the park, including the closed lane will be 5334.63m². The total park area will be 8971.67m².

A lane currently divides the block and it will be closed and the land added to the park. Lane access to the existing two residential developments along Helmcken Street is accommodated by a new lane that connects to Richards Street. The park is a neighbourhood park for residents of the emerging Downtown South, a green refuge largely for passive recreation.

On July 17, 2001, City Council authorized construction of Phase 1 of the southern park fronting on Richards Street and Davies Street. The overall concept design prepared by Stevenson + Associates Landscape Architects in 1997 was also approved in principle (see Concept Plan attached). Phase 1 of the park was completed in 2003. Mr. Stevenson has since retired.

The Consultant will be responsible for the detailed design, tender, review and inspection of construction of the park. Prior to park construction, the Park Board and City will undertake closure and consolidation of the lane, conversion of all existing overhead utility services within the lane corridor to underground, demolition of buildings along Seymour Street and an environmental site investigation of the Seymour Street properties.

DISCUSSION

A full range of consulting services are required, from the conceptual design refinement through design development to construction drawings and site reviews. These responsibilities are based upon the Park Board's "Consultant Agreement" which the Consultant will enter into with the Park Board upon award of the project.

All stages of the scope of work are subject to review by the Park Board, community and public and adequate time is to be left for review and approval at each stage by the representative group. This work includes the consultant's responsibility to compile and obtain all technical, geotechnical, utilities, electrical and water information from Engineering Services and from other sources including sub-consultants as well as site plans, field irrigation, etc. from the Park Board.

In general it is expected that the scope of this project will include:

- Consultations with the general public (2 public "open house" style meetings if required).
- Design consultations with staff as required.
- Presentations to Planning Committee and the Board.
- Project management once construction is initiated.

The acquisition and development of Emery Barnes Park is funded out of the Downtown South Development Cost Levy reserve. At such time as the costing for the development of Phase II can be accurately determined, Council needs to approve the necessary funding. Once the Consultant has undertaken the design development phase including a cost estimate, all the required funding can be submitted to Council for approval.

In the meantime the temporary source of funding for this consultancy is the Park Board Land Acquisition Fund, which is to be refunded at such time as Council approves the entire Emery Barnes Park Phase II funding package.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the consultant contract for the design of the Emery Barnes Phase 2 project be awarded to Jonathan Losee Ltd. Landscape Architecture for the sum of \$111,500.00. Funds are available for this amount. Jonathan Losee Ltd. successfully completed the upgrade of Thornton Park and Victory Square.

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