



Date: June 12, 2012

**TO:** Board Members – Vancouver Park Board  
**FROM:** General Manager – Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** Construction Contract Award – Trillium North Park Site

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## RECOMMENDATION

- A.** *THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Wilco Civil Inc. in the amount of \$1,038,524.00 plus PST, for the Trillium North park site project;*
- 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 Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence;*
- C.** *THAT, upon approval of the contract by Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and CPO concurrence, 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.*

## POLICY

Construction contracts over \$500,000.00 and less than \$2,000,000.00 require approval by the Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence.

## COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The City's Procurement Policy requires that contracts with values over \$500,000 must be reviewed by and include a recommendation for award by the City Bid Committee. The Bid Committee has considered and approved Wilco Civil Inc. as the winning proponent at its June 14th, 2013 Meeting.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S/ CITY BID COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

The General Manager and Bid Committee recommend entry into a construction contract with Wilco Civil Inc.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City issued an Invitation To Tender (ITT PS20130144) in February 2013 for Construction Services for the Trillium North Park project to five (5) prequalified bidders, and received four (4) submissions in response to the ITT. City staff on the ITT evaluation committee, and subsequently the Bid Committee, considered the proposals received. On the basis of the lowest qualified bid, subsequently adjusted by a scope reduction to suit the available project budget, recommended that Wilco Civil Inc. be awarded the contract for this construction project at the adjusted bid price.

This is the second and final phase of the 3 hectare Trillium Park site development in the False Creek flats area. The first phase of the park was completed in 2011 with the construction of the two synthetic turf fields and a washroom/change room.

A concept plan for the park was adopted by the Park Board on April 16, 2012. The plan was developed via engagement with staff, a working group (the Strathcona residents' Association, the Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee, the City Gate Inter-Tower Community Group, Science World, and local residents), and two public open houses.

Park elements include a park gazebo, plaza, children's playground, artist work/ storage area, amphitheater, rain garden, trees, shrubs and a meadow.

In February of 2012 the Vancouver Park Board passed a motion directing staff to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Jim Green's tremendous contribution to the City. Staff subsequently developed plans with Jim Green's family for a plaza space to commemorate Jim Green in the eastern portion of the Park that is included in the tendered work.

### **Strategic Analysis / Environmental**

This new park project aligns with the organization's strategic directions including the Greenest City Action Plan Access to Nature goal, and the Park Board Strategic Plan's aspirations for Leadership in Greening, Engaging People, and Great Experiences.

To address sustainable operations and greener spaces, on site storm water will flow and filter through a rain garden before discharging from site. Significant native trees and shrubs that produce edible fruits and artists materials will be planted including drought tolerant grasses and a wildflower meadow and approximately 40 trees. Growing medium will be manufactured on site using pre-load sand recycled from the first phase of park construction. Also, the construction details use salvaged wood from the demolition of the Vancouver Curling Club at Hillcrest Park, salvaged granite blocks from the demolition of

the Stanley Park aquarium washrooms, and repurposed shipping containers for storage of supplies and materials by local arts groups.

This new park has been designed to be universally accessible, and will be widely used by the community, arts groups, school groups, and families using the adjacent synthetic turf fields. The amphitheater, harvest bench, special events plugs and plaza areas are conducive to community special events.

Wilco Civil Inc. has a history of successful park and public space construction for the City, which in the last several years has included the first phase of the Trillium Park site, the Memorial South Park synthetic turf field, oval and running track, the first neighbourhood park in East Fraserlands, the Park Board-VSB partnership for the Vancouver Technical School synthetic turf field, and most notably the Olympic Village waterfront.

Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2013 with park opening in the spring of 2014.

### **Financial**

The 2012-14 Capital Plan provides funding for new park development projects. Financial Planning and the Director of Parks are satisfied with the funding available through the Capital Budget for this project.

### **SUMMARY**

Staff recommends that the Trillium North park site construction project be awarded to the lowest pre-qualified bidder, Wilco Civil Inc. and funds are available for this project from the 2012-2014 Capital Plan.

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