



An Urgent Request for the City of Vancouver to Withdraw RFEOI PS20190485

Excerpted from Minutes 2019-05-13

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MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

WHEREAS:

1. On May 2, 2019, the City of Vancouver posted a Request For Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) from vendors with expertise in the planning and design of large urban waterfront parks to consult on a West End Waterfront Parks and Beach Avenue Master Plan (RFEOI PS20190485);
2. The need for a West End Waterfront Master Plan reportedly originates in the West End Community Plan, which was approved six years ago in 2013, and the plan was mentioned briefly in the 2018-2021 Capital Plan report on July 19, 2018, in Appendix B (Item 20/Park Amenities/Park Renewals) prior to the election of the current Park Board;
3. Park Board staff typically notify Park Board Commissioners whenever any significant invitational or procurement initiatives or major project processes are made public;
4. Vancouver Park Board Commissioners and Vancouver City Councillors were unaware that a major RFEOI process was underway for the West End waterfront parks prior to learning of it in the media;
5. Section 488 (1) of the Vancouver Charter (Parks in care of Board) outlines the jurisdiction of the Park Board in relation to Vancouver parks and states clearly that "The Board shall have exclusive possession of, and exclusive jurisdiction and control of all areas designated as permanent public parks of the City in a manner prescribed in subsection (5) of this section..."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board respectfully request that the City of Vancouver withdraw the Request For Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) from vendors with expertise in the planning and design of large urban waterfront parks to consult on a West End Waterfront Parks and Beach Avenue Master Plan (RFEOI PS20190485) until such time as the Park Board has had an opportunity to review the matter fully; and

FURTHER THAT The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to communicate the Board's request to their City of Vancouver counterparts on an urgent basis and without delay.

LOST

(Commissioners Dumont, Demers, Giesbrecht, and Mackinnon opposed)