



September 8, 2023

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Steve Kellock – Director, Recreation Services

SUBJECT : **Facility Projects Update - Contract Award Decisions - Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo provides an update on three projects scheduled for presentation to Council for contract award approval this fall. These projects include the renewal of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre, Marpole Community Centre, and Sunset Nursery & Yard.

In accordance with the procurement policies of the [Park Board](#) and the [City of Vancouver](#), all procurements performed for the Park Board greater than \$750K need approval by the Park Board prior to any contract award. Any procurements performed for the Park Board or the City greater than \$2M need approval by City Council. The Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC) Renewal, Marpole Community Centre Renewal, and Sunset Nursery & Yard contracts will be executed by the City and are each worth over \$2M.

Vancouver Aquatic Centre Renewal

VanSplash, the [Vancouver Aquatics Strategy](#), recommends replacing the VAC with a new large-scale pool. The current facility needs renewal to meet contemporary energy, accessibility, seismic, and program requirements. Vancouver City Council approved \$140M to be allocated to plan, design, and build the renewed VAC through the 2023-2026 Capital Plan. The public approved this direction through the October 2023 plebiscite.

The City issued Request for Proposal (RFP) No. PS20230387-REFM-RFP – Architectural Consulting for Redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre on May 12, 2023. The RFP was advertised on the City of Vancouver website, and the work was called in accordance with the terms and conditions of the City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008. City and Park Board staff on the RFP evaluation committee and, subsequently, Bid Committee have considered the responses received, and on that basis are presenting a consultant recommendation to Council for decision on September 13, 2023.

Marpole Community Centre

The Marpole Community Centre Renewal project was funded in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan, with \$85M available and approved. An additional allocation of \$3M was recently provided through the Growing Communities Fund. A [Board Briefing Memo](#) was provided in June of this year to update Commissioners on the project, which will include 42,000 sq. ft. of community centre space with gym, fitness centre and fitness studios, sensory room, multi-purpose spaces, kitchen, and fieldhouse with change and washrooms for sport field users.

The Bid Committee Report for construction contract award is anticipated to be presented to Council for consideration on November 1. Construction is anticipated to commence this fall, and the project is expected to be substantially complete before the end of 2026.



Sunset Nursery & Yard

The total budget for Sunset Nursery & Yard redevelopment is \$19.4M, of which \$9M comes out of the 2019-2022 Capital Plan, and \$10.4 million comes from the 2023-2026 Capital Plan. The total scope of work for the redevelopment includes Caretaker House renovations, the design and construction of the Sunset Nursery Redevelopment Operations Centre Building, and the schematic design and design development of the entire nursery and yard.

The Invitation to Tender for the construction of the Sunset Nursery Operation Centre Building issued to shortlisted General Contractors has closed, and the Bid Committee will finalize their report by August 31, ahead of Council consideration on October 4. Construction is anticipated to commence in November 2023, and the project is anticipated to be substantially complete in December of 2024.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kellock', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Kellock (*he/him*)
Director of Recreation

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