



February 18, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Main & 7<sup>th</sup> Park Contract Award – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The construction contract for the new park at Main Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (2299 Main Street) has been awarded to Cedar Crest Lands BC Ltd., for the value of \$2,644,005.00. Construction will commence February 19, 2025. The 1,000m<sup>2</sup> new park will feature an open plaza surrounded by plantings, a rain garden and shaded seating as per the Board approved concept.

Procurement for this contract award was coordinated through the pre-approved contractor list from the Parks Procurement Efficiency Program – Construction (PPEP-C). Three bids were received that all exceeded the initial budget, prompting scope review and negotiation. Cedar Crest submitted the lowest bid during the tender period and were engaged in successful negotiations to optimize the scope to deliver the project within the existing budget. To reduce cost, some more expensive imported materials were substituted for cost effective alternatives, and the canopy structure and other custom-made features were carefully simplified.

Since the [Boards Concept Approval on May 8, 2023](#), the detailed design work identified opportunities to incorporate significant rainwater infrastructure improvements in line with approved policy, capturing stormwater from Main Street, Kingsway and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This required additional review with the City of Vancouver's various engineering departments. In part, these additions to the project qualified Main & 7<sup>th</sup> Park for a grant up to \$1,600,000 through the Government of Canada's Natural Infrastructure Fund.



*Main & 7<sup>th</sup> Park Concept Design*



The initial project timeline which anticipated to start and finish construction within 2024, was impacted by extra effort during detailed design and procurement to steward the project in a sustainable and value for money direction. The new park is expected to be completed and open to the public in the fall of 2025 and will provide multiple improvements consistent with the Mount Pleasant community plan public benefits strategy.

Regards,

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