



June 7, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **West End Waterfront Transportation RFP**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about a City of Vancouver Request for Proposals (RFP) being issued for an assessment of transportation options and a seawall capacity analysis for the area around Morton Park and English Bay Beach Park. This work, led by CoV Transportation, supports the development of the West End Waterfront Parks and Beach Avenue Master Plan (West End Waterfront Master Plan), which is being co-led by the Park Board and the Engineering Department. City Council is also receiving a briefing memo on this topic.

West End Waterfront Masterplan

As noted in the [Board briefing memo](#) sent on May 13, 2019, the West End Waterfront Master Plan project will establish a long-term vision and phased implementation plan for four waterfront parks and the surrounding transportation networks between Stanley Park and the Burrard Bridge. Engineering staff are leading the transportation and streets component of this master plan, which will determine future planning of the Engineering street right-of-way within the study area. A [Request for Expressions of Interest \(RFEOI\)](#) for this project was issued on May 2, 2019 and closed on June 4, 2019 (original date was extended). The analysis received through the Transportation RFP will provide input to the successful proponent of the broader master plan, for which an RFP will be issued once Board approval is received on the overall scope of work for that project.

Transportation RFP

To feed into the broader planning process, COV Engineering staff have been undertaking background research and preliminary review of key transportation issues. Key considerations for the transportation elements of the West End Waterfront Master Plan include improving the people-moving capacity of the seawall and adjacent east-west pedestrian and cycling connections throughout the master plan study area, increasing and enhancing access to and within this area, and addressing the many existing user conflicts.

While English Bay Beach Park and Sunset Beach Park are under the jurisdiction of the Park Board, the seawall poses a very specific challenge related to multi-modal use; Engineering is equipped to research, understand and oversee this kind of study. The seawall analysis is intended to give Engineering and Park Board a better understanding of the nature of conflicts and level of congestion currently experienced within the study area.

Given the scope and scale of the master plan process, there will be a need for both Park Board and City Council decisions at various stages throughout the planning process. The Transportation RFP being issued falls within the scope of Engineering and has been developed and approved by Engineering staff in close collaboration with Park Board staff.



Next Steps

Park Board and Engineering staff are working together to draft the Scope of Work for the overall West End Waterfront Master Plan project, and this draft scope will be brought to the Board for decision prior to issuing the RFP. It is anticipated that findings from the Transportation RFP will be available to the consultant for the West End Waterfront Master Plan project, which is currently planned to start in late 2019.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Bromley".

Malcolm Bromley
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