

Date: January 6, 2009



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Emery Barnes Park Phase 2, Environmental Site Investigation Consultant

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd. in the amount of \$32,980.00 plus GST, for environmental engineering services for Phase 2 of Emery Barnes Park as detailed in this report;*
- 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 General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;*
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, 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

Consultant contracts over \$30,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

The City/Park Board has assembled land for the purpose of developing Phase Two of Emery Barnes Park in Downtown South, bordered by Seymour, Davie and Helmcken Streets. Phase Two of the park will encompass the entire block with the exception of the existing development at the corner of Seymour and Helmcken Street. Phase Two of the park, including the closed lane will be 5334.63 m². The total park area will be 8971.67 m².

A lane currently divides the block and it will be closed and the land added to the park. Lane access to the existing two residential developments along Helmcken Street is accommodated by a new lane that connects to Richards Street. The park is a neighbourhood park for residents of the emerging Downtown South, a green refuge largely for passive recreation.

Phase 2 of the park will feature a large central lawn, trees lining the perimeter, a path around the lawn, entrance features, benches, play equipment and a fenced dog off-leash area which is in keeping with the intent of the originally approved concept plan which has been refined by the consultant based on input from the open house held on June 19, 2008. (See Diagram 1)

DISCUSSION

Seven commercial buildings on Seymour Street between Davie Street and The Brooklyn Court building will be demolished to make way for the new park. Stage I and Stage II Preliminary Site Investigations (PSI's) for soil and groundwater contaminants were done at the time of purchase on some of the properties in 1998, 1999 and 2004. Hazardous Materials surveys have been carried out and the hazardous materials removed from all but one building at 515 Davie Street which is still occupied by a dry cleaners and a nail salon.

The Consultant will review existing reports and carry out further investigations in compliance with BC Ministry of Environment laws, regulations and standards to ensure that contaminated material is properly characterized and remediated.

Following a call for proposals three submissions were received and staff concluded that SLR offers the right combination of value and experience.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend that the consultant contract for the further environmental site investigations for the Emery Barnes Park Phase 2 project be awarded to SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd. for the sum of \$32,980.00. Funds are available for this amount. SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd. (formerly Seacor Environmental Inc.) successfully completed preliminary site investigations at China Creek South Park and Killarney Park.

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