



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: The Director, Facilities Design and Management in consultation with the Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department

SUBJECT: VPD's Dog Squad Facility: Award of Consulting Contract

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the appointment of Chernoff Thompson Architects as architects for the relocation of Vancouver Police Department Dog Squad facility at a fee of 6.85 percent of construction cost, said fees to be in accordance with the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) fee scale, and agreement to be satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services;

FURTHER THAT the above architect be authorized to retain structural, mechanical, electrical and landscape consultants satisfactory to the Director of Facilities Design and Management based on fees set by the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia; source of funding to be VPD's Capital Budget for the Dog Squad facility.

CHIEF CONSTABLE AND GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Chief Constable and General Manager of Corporate Services RECOMMEND approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

Consulting services above \$30,000 in value are awarded by Council.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award the contract for consulting services associated with the relocation of VPD's Dog Squad, as set out in this report.

BACKGROUND

Dog Squad Facility:

The 2000-2002 Capital Plan provided \$450,000 to relocate VPD's existing Dog Squad Facility from the former Cambie Yard to a site then yet to be identified. This 1969 Dog Squad facility has reached the end of its useful life and is located adjacent to a residential area. This has created conflicts with the neighbourhood because of regular noise complaints. The current facility is also within the area designated as the site for the 2010 Winter Olympics athletes' village and staging area.

The 2006-2008 Capital Plan included an additional \$1.2 million for a total funding of \$1.65 million to construct a 4,000 SF Dog Squad on a vacant City-owned industrial site at Evans Avenue and Begg Street.

PROPOSALS

From an open proposal call it was determined that Chernoff Thompson Architects met the requirements necessary for the design of the Dog Squad Facility. The architect proposed a fee based on the recommended tariff of fees by the AIBC for the scope and complexity of work being considered.

Firms were asked to submit proposals from at least three consulting firms for structural, mechanical, electrical and landscaping consulting services. Once a final selection of the consultants is made by the architects in consultation with the City, the consultant's fees will be incorporated in the architect's contract. Fees will be based on the tariff of fees as set by the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia.

Thus, it is recommended that the contract for the Dog Squad Facility be awarded to Chernoff Thompson Architects at fee of 6.85 percent of the Construction Budget, estimated at approximately \$1.3 million

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the contract is available in the Police Capital Budget. The Dog Squad Facility will be funded from the Police Capital Budget arising from the 2000 - 2002 Capital Plan and from the 2006 Capital Budget (when approved) arising from 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The projects will be designed to LEED™ Gold standard pursuant to the City's policy.

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