

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER FINANCE
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S): PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
SUBJECT: **CA – JIM LORIMER PLAYGROUND REJUVENATION**

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval for a Contract Award (CA) for the materials, supervision, labour, equipment, tools, permits, and transportation for the Jim Lorimer Playground Rejuvenation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a contract award to Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd. for an estimated cost of \$2,158,496 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CA – Jim Lorimer Playground Rejuvenation” dated August 26, 2025 be approved; and,

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered and hourly rates submitted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This recommendation is to approve a contract award in the amount of \$2,158,496 including tax.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The City’s Procurement Policy requires that contracts for goods, services, and construction with values over \$500,000 be approved by Council following a competitive procurement process.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Jim Lorimer Park provides critical neighbourhood park space to the Brentwood area in Northwest Burnaby. The playground has been closed since the October 2024 atmospheric river, leaving the community without playground service. The renewal project will begin in Sept 2025 and be completed by June 2026.

Jim Lorimer Park is a 3.07-acre (1.24-hectare) neighbourhood park designed to balance recreation with environmental protection. The upcoming upgrades focus on the 1.02-acre (0.41-hectare) southwest corner, the area outside of the drainage corridor and environmental setbacks, where the former playground and open lawn were located. The remaining 2.05 acres (0.83 hectares) include Chub Creek and are protected by environmental buffers and drainage rights-of-way. These natural areas could support a future pedestrian bridge to improve neighbourhood connections at a later date. (Refer to Attachment 1 – Jim Lorimer Park and Playground Layout)

Following a Request for Proposal (RFP) #198-10-24 Jim Lorimer Playground Rejuvenation, five proposals were received by closing time on July 24, 2025. Based on the RFP's evaluation criteria consisting of qualifications, experience, costs, methodology and value-added offerings, Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd. received the highest overall scoring.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

To address seasonal flooding, influenced by the nearby drainage corridor and Metro Vancouver's Cariboo Dam, the park design incorporates several mitigation strategies. These include raising the playground by approximately one metre using lightweight, free-draining fill, and installing rubber surfacing to reduce water displacement and improve accessibility.

The park design is shaped by community feedback collected during a 2023 public survey. Residents asked for more shade, cooling features, accessible pathways, fencing separation along Gilmore Avenue, safer pedestrian access, a future bridge, and nature-based learning opportunities. Desired play features included water elements, trampolines, climbing structures, accessible and age-diverse equipment, riding circuits, and rubber surfacing.

The renewed playground will serve children ages 2–12 and include a play tower, swings, trampolines, net climber, spring toys, spinner, musical elements, and a trike circuit. The broader park improvements include new seating, shade structures, a misting post, drinking fountain, accessible paths, irrigation for new trees, and reinstatement of the commemorative Park Dedication plaque. (Refer to Attachment 1 – Jim Lorimer Park and Playground Layout)

The construction project updates including concept drawings and timelines, will be shared on the project webpage. burnaby.ca/our-city/projects/playground-upgrades

The scope of work will include:

- Earthworks, including cut, fill, removals and import;
- Installation of Geogrid and Lightweight and more typical fill materials;
- All required civil Infrastructure works and tie-ins;
- Vehicular Loaded and Pedestrian grade walkways;
- Swale, bioswale and associated elements;
- Playground, structures, surfacing and associated items;
- Furnishings and shelters;
- Planting of trees, shrubs, and seed;
- Installation of an irrigation system;
- Demolition, removal and retention of existing structures and site features as per drawings; and,
- Tree Protection.

Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd. has provided similar goods and services with a proven track records for performance and reliability to the satisfaction of the City, and their prices are competitive and reflective of current market conditions. Review by City staff and our consultant indicate that Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd. has the capability to successfully complete the work required under this contract. Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd. has worked with the City for over 5 years on various projects.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RFP #198-10-24 Jim Lorimer Playground Rejuvenation was publicly advertised, and five submissions were received upon closing.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for this capital work is included in the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan under Parks Recreation & Culture.

This contract award will be accommodated under WBS element DPW.0695 (\$2,055,800 excluding GST).

Respectfully submitted,

Ratan Grewal, Deputy General Manager Finance

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Jim Lorimer Park and Playground Layout

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

This report was prepared by Heather Scott, Parks Design Planner, and Rebecca Yeung, Senior Buyer, and reviewed by Scott Lovas, Assistant Manager, Procurement Services and Sophan Lum, Senior Manager, Procurement Services – Capital.