

April 10, 1996

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** ACTING DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** CONFEDERATION SKATEBOARD CONSTRUCTION

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council's approval of the financing for a skateboard facility in Confederation Park, and to obtain approval to award a contract to construct the skateboard facility.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT Council bring down a Capital Reserves Bylaw in the amount of \$60,000 to complete the financing of the Skateboard Facility.
2. THAT subject to approval of the required bylaw, a contract be awarded to Trax Management Limited to construct a skateboard facility at Confederation Park for a total cost of \$163,194.26.

**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1994, the Commission approved a planning and design process towards the construction of a skateboard facility in Burnaby based upon the needs of local youth. The process extended through 1995 and included a public open house, two design workshops with Burnaby youth, a public meeting at which the design concept was presented to the community and the retention of an engineering consultant to prepare construction documents.

The project went out to public tender in February 1996. Due to the highly specialized nature of this work, only one bid was received by the 1996 February 27 closing date. The successful bidder, Trax Management Limited, is an acknowledged expert in the field.

This report outlines the expertise of the successful bidder, provides information on the original project estimate, and presents a July 1996 project completion date.

Prior Experience of Trax Management Limited:

Building skateboard parks is very specialized custom work. Trax has successfully built a skateboard facility for the Township of Langley and has recently been awarded a contract for a skateboard facility in West Vancouver. Southwest Contracting Limited, the proposed shotcrete sub-contractor, was involved in constructing a concrete bowl for Penticton Youth. The quality of their work has been verified by these municipalities.

The original \$120,000 guesstimate provided by the engineering design consultant was intended for use during the project priority setting process used in formulating the 1996 Capital Budget. After consultation with Burnaby youth and input from the public meeting, a better definition of the required facility was provided for the requests for tender.

The recommended contract with Trax Management in the amount of \$163,194.26 has been reviewed and compared with actual costs of similar facilities in Whistler, Surrey and Langley and determined to be fair value for the complexity of the work involved.

Project Components:

The site work to be carried out by the Parks Department staff includes initial site preparation, construction of a temporary service road, finish grading and landscaping for a cost of \$16,800 bringing the total project cost to \$180,000.

Chevron Canada Limited has generously offered to assist in the project with a donation of \$20,000.

Financing:

A bylaw is currently in place for \$120,000; an additional appropriation of \$60,000 is required to finance the complete work and provide interim financing pending receipt of the Chevron Canada donation.

The project is included in the 1996 Park Development component of the 1996-2000 Annual Capital Program.

The Purchasing Agent concurs with the recommendation to award this work to Trax Management Limited.

Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is a copy of the capital work expenditure bylaw for the remaining \$60,000.



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