
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 21, 2001
File No.: 6240-20

To: City Manager

From: Recreation Services Manager

Subject: **Skateboard Recreation Facility at Ben Lee Park**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council approve the award of the contract to Van der Zalm & Associates Inc./New Line Skatepark Inc. for the designing and building of the skateboard recreation facility in Ben Lee Park for the amount of \$228,440;

AND THAT the Friends of Ben Lee Park Society /Skatepark Committee be authorized to provide volunteer support and obtain donated labour and materials for a minimum amount of \$20,000;

AND FURTHER THAT a budget item for \$36,200 be prepared for final budget for 2001 for additional requirements at the Skateboard Recreation Facility in Ben Lee Park.

BACKGROUND:

Starting in 1997, City Council started to approve the development of the new Ben Lee Park through the annual budget process. In April of 1998, the Ben Lee Park Committee was formed with the assistance of Partners in Parks, and this committee later became the properly registered *Friends of Ben Lee Park Society*. In October of 1998, a sub-committee of the Society was created for the expressed purpose to raise awareness, community interest, and especially to develop a design for a new skateboard park in Kelowna with substantial local input. This Ben Lee Skatepark Committee has now been very active for over two years.

Attached is a history of the activities of the Ben Lee Skatepark Committee, which demonstrates that they have accomplished their goal. Staff has been involved with this committee on occasion, and staff does support the work they have accomplished.

Also, on January 25, 2001, the Friends of Ben Lee Park Society made a presentation and recommendation to the Parks and Facilities Committee, at which time a resolution was passed supporting their recommendation:

Motion by Councillor Nelson/Seconded by Councillor Cannan

THAT the Parks and Facilities Committee support the recommendation for the building of a Skateboard Park in Ben Lee Park

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Specifically;

We, the Ben Lee Park Society's Skateboard Park Committee recommend;

THAT the City of Kelowna build the Skateboard Park according to the concept design and specification as presented by Van der Zalm and Associates Inc./New Line Skatepark Inc,

AND THAT Van der Zalm and Associates Inc./New Line Skatepark Inc be awarded the contract for the Design/Building of the Ben Lee Skateboard Park,

AND FURTHER THAT the Friends of Ben Lee Park Society/Skateboard Park Committee be authorized to work with Van der Zalm and Associates Inc./New Line Skatepark Inc, to obtain donated labour and material to reduce the overall costs.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Staff has since met with representatives of the Van der Zalm and Associates Inc./New Line Skatepark Inc. Design/build company. We have reviewed the project in some detail, and staff confirms that the process used by the Ben Lee Skatepark Committee is an appropriate one, also that:

- ◆ The pricing provided by Van der Zalm & Associates Inc. / New Line Skatepark Inc. is accurate and reflects the appropriate cost for this facility,
- ◆ The Ben Lee Skatepark Committee has conducted thorough and fair research of the various models for a new very high caliber skateboarding facility,
- ◆ The designing and building of skateboard parks in this modern day is a unique and evolving process, as these are very much a 'user driven' kind of design. Staff agree that it is appropriate that this committee be completely involved in the final decision,
- ◆ The Society can obtain donations or preferred pricing for a specified list of materials. The estimated value of these donations in kind is valued at a minimum of \$20,000. This is the first time we have actually included a clause like this in a design build contract, and is definitely a benefit to the project.

Designing and constructing skateboard parks is becoming a "specialty project". As the sport and recreational demand for skateboarding has increased, so have the technical specifications. New Line Skateparks Inc. is considered a leader in the field. In a recent letter to staff, they have described their involvement as:

- ◆ "Recognizing this need for support to the skateboarding field, key members of organizations (Vancouver Skateboarding Coalition, Fellowship of Calgary Skateboarders, Atlantic Canada Skateboard Association) along with leaders of the skateboarding development industry in Canada, from companies such as **New Line Skateparks Inc.**, are coming together to form an association that will be committed to the progression of skateboard parks in Canada. The association will focus on creating positive results for participants and communities through education, communication and encouraging community involvement."

Staff believe that we are fortunate to have a company this dedicated to skateboard parks involved with the new facility at the Ben Lee Park.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Costs:

Proposal Cost of the facility	\$211,590	
Cost for the landscaping	<u>\$ 16,850</u>	
TOTAL		\$228,440

Funding sources:

Approved capital budget (2001)	\$150,000
From Council Contingency (2000)	\$ 22,240
Final budget (2001)	\$ 36,200

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Community contributions		<u>\$ 20,000</u>	
	TOTAL		\$228,440

Recognizing that this project is intended to proceed prior to final budget approval, we intend to place other approved construction components at Ben Lee Park on hold, in order to satisfy the requirements of the Financial Plan. Finance has reviewed this report and provided guidance on the funding requirements.

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