

Memo



Date: February 21, 2011
File: 0115-10
To: City Manager
From: Andrew Gibbs, Manager, Park & Public Space Projects
Subject: Design Exchange Award - Stuart Park

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Manager of Park and Public Space Projects, dated February 21, 2011 regarding the 2010 Design Exchange Awards for Stuart Park.

Purpose:

To present an award recognizing a City of Kelowna capital project to Mayor and Council.

Background:

In February 2010, the Design Exchange Awards conferred a Bronze award in the Urban Design category to Stantec Consulting and the design team for Stuart Park - Phase 1, listing the City of Kelowna as the Client. This bronze award shares company with two prestigious projects that garnered the other awards in this category (Gold for the Vancouver Convention Centre, and Silver for the Old Post Office Plaza in St. Louis).

The Design Exchange (DX) is a non-profit educational organization committed to promoting greater awareness of design as well as the role design plays in fostering economic growth and cultural vitality (www.dx.org). The Design Exchange operates a national, multi-disciplinary design centre and museum based in Toronto.

The Design Exchange Award acknowledges design excellence based on the following 5 criteria:

1. Function
Performance of the design solution in relation to stated objectives and user needs.
2. Profitability
Positive financial returns, strengthening of corporate brand positioning, relationship building, cost reduction, enhancing employee satisfaction and/or improving operational efficiencies.
3. Aesthetics
Alignment of all elements in the design solution for maximum physical, intellectual and emotional appeal.

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4. Innovation

Ability to apply new thinking, new methods and/or new technologies to address a specific challenge or opportunity. Ability to show added value to the profession.

5. Accessibility and Sustainability

Design that makes daily life easier, safer, more comfortable and more affordable for everyone regardless of age, size, background or ability; surpasses code compliance to current legislation. Minimal impact on the environment, reduces resources, minimizes waste, energy resource efficiency, surpasses conformance to current legislation and promotes knowledge & positive behaviours concerning environmental & social responsibilities.

Existing Policy:

The Multiple Bottom Line Framework (MBL) of Sustainable Infrastructure Policy #352 acknowledges that if communities are to be resilient in adapting to modern challenges they must have well-developed creative capacities. One measure of creativity is peer recognition for innovation and excellence. The City's MBL policy for sustainable infrastructure targets two (2) peer awards annually. The DXA award is one of four (4) peer awards that the City received in 2010 and therefore this award exceeds our goal. The others were:

1. 2010 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Regional Citation award for the City of Kelowna Linear Parks Master Plan,
2. 2010 BC Recreation and Parks Association award of Excellence in Facilities for the H2O Adventure & Fitness Centre, and the
3. Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board 2010 Commercial Building Awards for Excellence in the Institutional Recreational category for the H2O Adventure & Fitness Centre.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Internal Circulation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Community & Media Relations Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:



A. Gibbs, Manager, Park & Public Space Projects

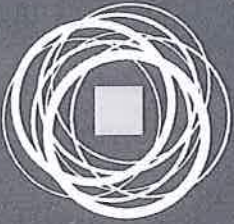
Approved for inclusion:



B. Berry, Director, Design & Construction Services

Attachment

cc: J. Vos, General Manager, Community Services
R. Cleveland, Director, Infrastructure planning
C. Stephens, Director, Corporate & Community Relations



2010 DESIGN EXCHANGE AWARDS

URBAN DESIGN
BRONZE

AWARDED TO:

STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.

ADDITIONAL DESIGNERS: DURANTE KREUK LTD,

BEVANDA ARCHITECTURE INC.,

CUSTOM ICE INC.,

DNA IRRIGATION DESIGN,

BEACON CONSULTING LTD.,

ECOSCAPE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS LTD.,

MID-OCEAN STUDIO

PROJECT:

STUART PARK, PHASE 1

CLIENT:

CITY OF KELOWNA



SAMANTHA S. SANNELLA
PRESIDENT AND CEO, DESIGN EXCHANGE

