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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 28, 2012**

FROM: **General Manager, Planning and Development  
General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Parks Recreation & Culture**

FILE: **0800-20 (Main Works  
Yard)**

SUBJECT: **Award of Contract for the Design of and Construction Administration  
Related to a new Main Works Yard Operations Centre and Related Site  
Redevelopment**

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning and Development Department, the Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommend that Council:

1. Approve the award of a contract to Taylor Kurtz Architecture & Design Inc. in the amount of 2,194,084.00, excluding HST, for design of, and construction administration related to the construction of a new Main Works Yard Operations Centre and associated site redevelopment works; and
2. Set the expenditure authorization limit for the contract at \$2,350,000.00, excluding HST.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award a contract to an architectural firm for the design of, and construction administration for a new Main Works Yard Operations Centre and related site redevelopment.

## BACKGROUND

The construction of the Main Works Yard Operations Centre and related site redevelopment work was approved as part of the 2012 Capital Budget.

In March 2012, a Request for Proposals (RFP# 1220-30-2012-014) was issued for the purpose of retaining professional services related to design of and construction administration related to the project along with some site redevelopment works. The RFP closed on March 21, 2012. Each of the following firms submitted a proposal:

- AECOM Canada Architects Ltd.;
- B+H BuntingCoady Architects Inc.;
- Chernoff Thompson Architects;
- DGBK Architects;

- DIALOG\* BC Architecture Engineering Interior Design Planning Inc.;
- Frits De Vries Architect Ltd.;
- Grant + Sinclair Architects Ltd.;
- Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd.;
- Omicron Architecture Engineering Construction Ltd.;
- Stantec Consulting Ltd.;
- Taylor Kurtz Architecture & Design Inc. (in association with Rounthwaite, Dick and Hadley Architects);
- Walter Frankl Architecture Inc.; and
- WMW Public Architecture + Communications Inc.

The proposals were evaluated by a team comprised of representatives from each of the Planning and Development Department, the Engineering Department, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department, and the Purchasing Division, respectively. Each proposal was reviewed in accordance with City Purchasing Guidelines. The evaluation was based on the criteria documented in the Request for Proposals, as follows:

- overall team experience, composition and reputation;
- technical and financial capabilities; and
- proposed fees.

Interviews were conducted with the following proponents who were short-listed through the initial evaluation process:

- Chernoff Thompson Architects;
- DIALOG\* BC Architecture Engineering Interior Design Planning Inc.;
- Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd., and
- Taylor Kurtz Architecture & Design Inc. (in association with Rounthwaite, Dick and Hadley Architects).

The evaluation team concluded that the proposal submitted by Taylor Kurtz Architecture & Design Inc. provides the best value to the City based on the above referenced criteria and the results of the interview process.

### **Funding**

Funding for this contract is available within the approved 2012 Capital budget.

### **Timeline for Project**

Design of the project will commence upon execution of a contract, with construction of the project expected to commence in late 2012 or early 2013. The project is expected to be constructed in phases to allow continuous operations from the site. The new Operations Centre will be completed in the fall of 2014.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion it is recommended that Council:

- Approve the award of a contract to Taylor Kurtz Architecture & Design Inc. in the amount of 2,194,084.00, excluding HST, for design of and construction administration related to the construction of a new Main Works Yard Operations Centre and associated site redevelopment works; and
- Set the expenditure authorization limit for the contract at \$2,350,000.00, excluding HST.

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