

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY &amp; PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>JOHN FLEMING, MCIP, RPP MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING &amp; CITY PLANNER</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 13-20 CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY TO DETERMINE A VIABLE PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY CONNECTION ACROSS FEDERALLY OWNED CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY LANDS IN KIWANIS PARK</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning & City Planner, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to Request for Proposal 13-20:

1. That the submission received from Aecom, 410-250 York Street, Citi Plaza, London, Ontario N6A 6K2 at a total proposed price of \$174,520.00, HST extra, **BE ACCEPTED**;
2. That the funding for this purchase **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Source of Finance Report attached hereto as Appendix "A";
3. That Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all of the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this contract;
4. That approval hereby given **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into formal contract or issuing purchase orders or contract record relating to these matters of this approval.

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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**Purchasing Process**

Four submissions were received as a result of this Request for Proposal which closed May 23, 2013.

The following factors were considered in the evaluation of the proposal submissions:

- Methodology and understanding of the projects goals and objectives
- Experience on directly relevant projects, including consultation with the Canadian National Railway (CNR)
- Qualifications of staff assigned to the project
- Innovation
- Overall cost of the project.

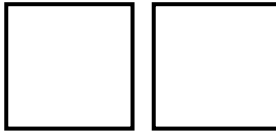
The proposal submission received from Aecom was scored as the overall highest by the evaluation team.

**Background**

Kiwanis Park is a 163 acre (66 hectare) public corridor that runs north/south linking Dundas Street to the Thames Valley Corridor.

Objectives outlined in the City of London's Council approved Bicycle Master Plan, Thames Valley Corridor Plan and Parks & Recreation Master Plan recommend that neighbourhoods surrounding Kiwanis Park be linked to the Thames Valley Corridor via a fully accessible recreational pathway system built the entire length of Kiwanis Park.

In order to achieve this important objective, Federal & Provincial Infrastructure funding was secured and used to complete multi-use pathway connections from Dundas Street south to Trafalgar Road and from Tweedsmuir Road, south to Hamilton Road in 2010 and 2011. In 2012, the Thames Valley Parkway was extended to Hamilton Road and linked to Kiwanis Park South. The only remaining uncompleted gap in the Kiwanis Park pathway system is the area located between Trafalgar Road and Tweedsmuir Avenue, due to the presence of the CNR land berm.



A request for consultant proposals to assist the City in determining a preferred solution for completing this gap in the Kiwanis Park pathway system was issued May, 2013. This study has two purposes;

- A. **Complete a subject lands status report.** Purpose of this study is to verify existing environmental conditions as outlined in the Official Plan, Section 15.5.2.
- B. **Complete an ‘Environmental Assessment’ Type process.** Purpose of this study is to identify and document the planning issues, public input and decision-making process leading to the development of recommendations for establishing a recreational pathway connection between Trafalgar Road and Tweedsmuir Avenue and across CNR lands in Kiwanis Park.

The geographical limits for this environmental study will extend the full width of Kiwanis Park, linearly from 100 meters north of Trafalgar Road to 250 meters south of CNR land (Tweedsmuir Avenue).

City representatives from the Environmental & Parks Planning, Storm Water Management and Transportation Design Sections assessed all proposals and have selected Aecom as the preferred consultant.

Results from this environmental study (RFP 13-20) are expected to be complete April, 2014. Detailed design of the preferred pathway alignment between Trafalgar and Tweedsmuir Road will commence spring 2014, with the goal of issuing a construction tender late fall, 2014.

City staff have met with Canadian National Railway representatives and received confirmation that they are supportive of this City initiative. CNR have provided input into RFP 13-20 and have a history working with Aecom on other similar projects.

**Financial Impact**

Funding for this project has been provided in Capital Budget PD2134.5900000.11100

There are no anticipated additional operating costs associated with this study.

**Acknowledgements**

This report was prepared by Jeff Bruin, Landscape Architect and Parks Planner and Terri Sue Wyatt, Procurement Officer, Purchasing and Supply.

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