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To: Chair and Members of General Committee	
From: Jodi Robillos, Acting Commissioner of Community Services	Meeting date: November 17, 2021

## Subject

**Increase to the Contract with R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, for former Harris Lands (P-505) Phase 1 Development Project, File Ref: PRC001105, (Ward 11)**

## Recommendation

That the Purchasing Agent or designate be authorized to execute a contract amendment and all ancillary documents to increase the scope & value of the contract by up to \$470,000.00 with R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited (PO 4500496712) for 'Consulting Services for Park 505' as outlined in the report dated October 31, 2021 from the Acting Commissioner of Community Services.

## Executive Summary

- The City of Mississauga currently has a contract with R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited for multi-disciplinary consulting services to develop phase one of the former Harris Lands.
- The contract commitment with R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited has already been increased to the allowable 20% permitted as per Purchasing By-law 374-06, Section 18, (2) Amendments (d).
- Additional consulting services are required to allow the project to proceed to construction and to extend the trail system through Credit Meadows beyond the original scope of the project.
- Contract scope increases includes additional consulting services required for archaeological assessments & approvals at original project location, and to extend the trail system through Credit Meadows (P-122).
- Funding for additional consulting services is available in the current approved project budget.

## Background

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited was retained by the City following a competitive procurement process (PRC001105) to provide multi-disciplinary consulting services in support of developing phase one of the former Harris Lands at 6545 Creditview Road for recreational parkland. Consulting services included a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule B to support pedestrian bridge crossings of the Credit River, preliminary and detailed design, approvals and permits, tender drawings and construction administration.

Archaeological Assessments completed to date identified two significant sites with recommendations requiring further archaeological assessment not included in the Consultant's scope:

Stage 2 and Stage 3

- AjGw-664 – Bridge Crossing 2 (east side)

Stage 4

- AjGw-645 – Creditview Road (north of Harris laneway)

These additional archaeological assessments at Bridge Crossing 2 and Creditview Road will need to be cleared before construction can commence.

Through Public consultation and feedback, extension of the trail system to connect the Harris Lands through Credit Meadows to Creditview Road in the south was supported, and represents additional consulting scope requiring site studies, detailed design and construction administration. The one kilometre (1km) extension of the trail route will also act as a construction access, thereby providing an alternate, less disruptive route for pedestrian bridge construction, limiting disturbance to the natural areas through Credit Meadows and the Harris Lands. The construction access will be paved at the end of construction, forming the trail connection through Credit Meadows to Creditview Road completing this section of the Culham Trail.

## Comments

The original approved commitment with R.J. Burnside was \$655,015.10. Approval was obtained through the Procurement Authorization Request process to add \$131,003 to the original commitment for a total contract value of \$786,018.10, which is equivalent to the allowable 20% limit permitted under the Purchasing By-law #374-2006, Section 18 (2) Amendments (d). Any additional amendments to the contract require Council approval.

For continuity, the same consultant should be retained for the additional work. R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited have performed well, have extensive knowledge of the site, have the required professional expertise including Archaeological specialists, indigenous consultations and are available to undertake the additional work.

## Strategic Plan

Aligned to Strategic Pillars Connect and Green, this project assists in meeting the objective of connected neighbourhoods through new recreational experiences on the former Harris Lands, new multi use trails with two pedestrian bridges over the Credit River and provides protection and enhancement of natural areas and habitat with interpretive opportunities.

## Engagement and Consultation

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) was completed in March 2021, to determine the locations of pedestrian bridges crossing Credit River. Comments were received from the public, agencies and Indigenous communities throughout the MCEA and final 33 day review period. Additional public engagement is currently underway to inform the public of the trail connections and extension through Credit Meadows.

## Financial Impact

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An increase in the value of the contract by up to \$470,000.00 is now requested to cover the anticipated additional consulting services for a revised total commitment of \$1,256,018.10. Funding for increased scope in consulting services is available in current approved project budget from PN 17313 and no additional funding is being requested.

## Conclusion

The original contract with R.J. Burnside was based on a certain scope and has reached the allowable 20% limit increase. Due to additional scope for archaeological assessments, and the extension of the trail system through Credit Meadows, further multi-disciplinary consulting services are required for the project to proceed. This report seeks authorization for the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract amendment to increase the contract scope & value with R.J. Burnside & Associates.



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