

Amendment to Purchase Order Number 6042899 with DTAH for Professional Landscape Architecture Services during Design and Contract Administration of the Phase 2 of Lower Don Trail Improvements for Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Date: November 5, 2024

To: General Government Committee

From: General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation and Chief Procurement Officer

Wards: Toronto Centre - 13 and Toronto-Danforth - 14

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request authority to amend Purchase Order Number 6042899 issued to DTAH, as a result of Request for Proposal number 9118-15-5017 to provide professional and technical landscape architectural services during construction for the Phase 2 of Lower Don Trail Improvements.

This purchase order amendment is necessary to redesign the foundation of the sloped path, conduct a structural assessment of the sewer chamber that crosses the trail, and provide additional contract administration services due to extended construction duration.

The total value of the purchase order amendment being requested is \$333,455 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$339,324 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries), revising the current purchase order value from \$638,966 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$650,212 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries) to \$972,421 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$989,536 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Chief Procurement Officer recommend that:

1. The General Government Committee, in accordance with Section 71-11.1C of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 71 (Financial Control By-law), grants authority to amend Purchase Order Number 6042899 with DTAH in the amount of \$333,455 net

of all applicable taxes and charges (\$339,324 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries), revising the current purchase order value from \$638,966 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$650,212 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries) to \$972,421 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$989,536 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The value of the purchase order amendment requested is \$333,455 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$339,324 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries). The amendment will increase the current purchase order value from \$638,966 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$650,212 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries) to \$972,421 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$989,536 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries).

Funding for this purchase order amendment is included in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2024 Capital Budget and 2025-2033 Capital Plan as summarized in Table 1 below (net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries).

Table 1: Financial Impact Summary

WBS Element	Description	Year		Total (Net of HST Recoveries)
		2024	2025	
CPR114-52-04	Various Buildings & Parks Accessibility	\$49,000	\$290,324	\$339,324

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has been advised of the award associated with this program to be considered along with other priorities in future budget processes.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 15, 2024, City Council approved Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2024-2033 Capital Budget and Plan through item 2024.MPB15.1 (69) and additional funds of \$2.500 million for Various Buildings and Parks Accessibility project. [Agenda Item History - 2024.MPB15.1 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

At its meeting on January 8 2024, General Government Committee approved an amendment to purchase order number 6042899 with DTAH, for the provision of all professional and technical landscape architectural services for the Lower Don Trail Accessible Path to Riverdale Pedestrian Bridge and Implementation of Lower Don Trail Improvements Phase 2, increasing the purchase order by \$178,678 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$181,823 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries), from \$460,288 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$468,389 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries) to \$638,966 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$650,212 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries). The purchase order delivery date was also

extended from June 24, 2024 to November 30, 2026 which includes warranty inspections. [Agenda Item History - 2024.GG9.4 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

COMMENTS

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation in partnership with Transportation Services is delivering the Phase 2 of Lower Don Trail Improvements project. This project will provide inclusive access to Lower Don Trail between Pottery Road and Corktown Common. Attachment 1 includes a map outlining the scope of the project which includes:

- An accessible sloped path from the pedestrian bridge at Riverdale Park to Lower Don.
- Installing a new staircase at Dundas Bridge
- Replacing the existing fencing along the property line adjacent to the Metrolinx rail tracks with new ClearVu fencing.
- Widening the trail, asphalt paving, and adding new fencing between Red Bridge (north of the pedestrian bridge) and the south end at Corktown Common.
- Restoration and planting throughout the Phase 2 area of the Lower Don Trail.
- Creating new swales between the trail and the Don River to improve stormwater management
- Indigenous artwork over asphalt paving and at the Riverdale Pedestrian Bridge area

The original purchase order value was issued on February 23, 2016 in the amount of \$76,954 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$78,308 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries) for the feasibility study of a sloped path connecting the pedestrian bridge at Riverdale Park to the trail, to complete hydraulic modeling and initial coordination with Metrolinx.

This is the eighth amendment to the purchase order since 2015 and is required to redesign the foundation of the sloped path using steel piles due to challenging soil conditions and the associated increase in construction duration. Additionally, the trail crosses over an old Toronto Water trunk sewer chamber, which requires a structural assessment of the chamber. Prior Purchase Order Amendments are outlined in Attachment 1.

Currently, the construction is approximately 30 per cent complete and the project will be completed in July 2025. The project has faced significant challenges due to its proximity to the Metrolinx rail track, its location within Don River flood zone, and poor soil conditions. Following the amendment of the purchase order, the professional services fees for the detailed design and contract administration will be 7.8 percent of the total construction cost, which is \$12.7 million. The total fee is below the Ontario Association of Landscape Architect suggested guidelines, which suggest a range of 10 to 12 percent of the construction cost.

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ATTACHMENTS






Attachment 1: Table 1 Previous Purchase Order Amendments to Increase the Purchase Order Value

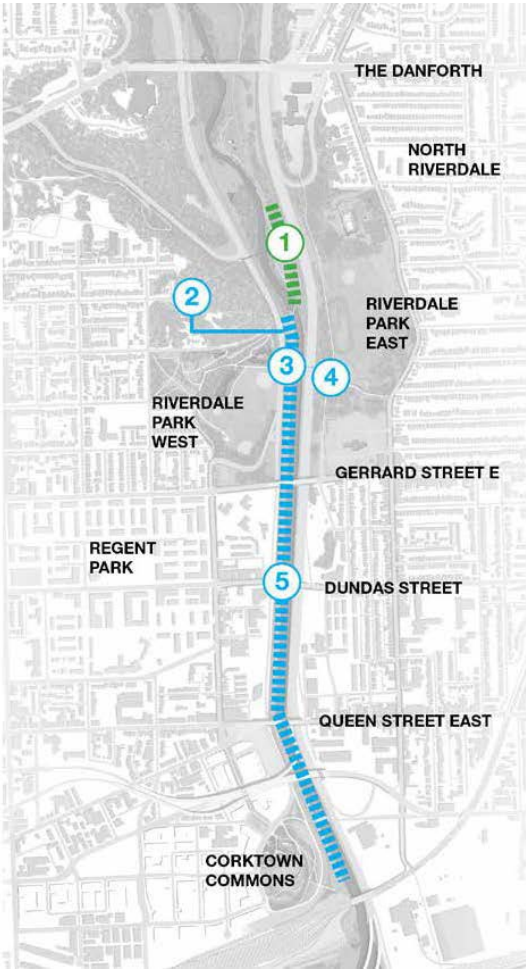
Date	Amount	Reason
November 2016	\$139,644 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$142,102 net of HST recoveries)	To advance to detailed design after the completion of feasibility study and preliminary design
February 2019	\$108,560 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$110,471 net of HST recoveries)	Metrolinx third-party engineering review fee and requirements due to safety concerns.
December 2022	\$135,130 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$137,508 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries).	To retender the contract following the termination of the original construction contract and to replenish contract administration fee for the new contract.

Date	Amount	Reason
January 2024	\$178,678 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$181,823 net of Harmonized Sales Tax recoveries)	Additional tree removal permits, Metrolinx permit, Enbridge gas main permit due to proximity of the work and investigation of erosion control.

Attachment 2: Map and Renderings of the Project

Location Plan

-  Provisional Paving (incorporating artist street print)
-  The Narrows
-  Sloped Pathway Structure
-  Provisional Accessibility Improvements to Riverdale Park East
-  Dundas Stairs Structure



Rendering 1: Pedestrian Ramp at Riverdale



Rendering 2: Dundas Stairs

