



City of Courtenay

Request for Proposal
R20-15 Arborist Services

September 30, 2020



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SUMMARY OF KEY INFORMATION

RFP Reference	RFP R20-15 Arborist Services
Overview of the Opportunity	The purpose of this RFP is to invite proposals from qualified Arborist Contractors to provide a variety of Arborist services as detailed in the Scope of Work.
Questions?	Questions are to be submitted in writing quoting the RFP number and name, send to email purchasing@courtenay.ca
Addenda	Proponents are to check the BC Bid and City websites for any updated information and addenda issued, before the Closing Date at the following websites www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca and/or www.courtenay.ca/bids
Closing Date and Time	2:00 pm Pacific Standard Time Thursday, October 29, 2020
Instructions for Submission	Submissions are to be consolidated into one PDF file and sent electronically to purchasing@courtenay.ca <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the subject field enter: RFP Number and Name 2. Phone 250-338-1766 Ext. 7646 should assistance be required
Participation	The guidelines for participation that will apply to this RFP are included in the this RFP.
Obtaining RFP Documents	RFP documents are available for download from these websites www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca and/or www.courtenay.ca/bids

1.0 INTENT

The City of Courtenay (the “City”) invites proposals from qualified Arborist Contractors to provide a variety of Arborist services as detailed in the Scope of Work.

2.0 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

This RFP is being issued electronically through the BC Bid website and the City of Courtenay website where interested firms may download the RFP documents directly. No registration, tracking or other recording of RFP documents will be performed by the City. All addenda, amendments or further information will be published on www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca and www.courtenay.ca. It is the sole responsibility of the Proponent to monitor the websites regularly to check for updates.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

“City” or “Owner” means the City of Courtenay;

“Contract” means the written agreement or purchase order resulting from this RFP awarded to and/or executed by the City and the successful Proponent;

“Contract Documents” means the Request for Proposal documents, that part of the Proposal which is accepted by the City, the purchase order and executed agreement, if any, all applicable specifications and drawings including those issued by the City to the Proponent and those submitted by the Proponent during the performance of the work and accepted by the City, whether produced before or after the date of award of the Contract as the same may be modified, amended, substituted or replaced in accordance with the provisions of the Contract from time to time;

“Council” means the City of Courtenay Council;

“must”, “mandatory”, “required”, “shall”, means a requirement that must be met in order for a Proposal to receive consideration;

“Proponent” means a party, a company or an individual that has obtained a copy of this Request for Proposal and submits, or intends to submit, a Proposal in response to this “Request for Proposal”;

“Proposal” means the documents of the Proponent delivered to the City offering to perform the work as required under this RFP;

“RFP” means Request for Proposal;

“should” or “desirable” means a requirement having a significant degree of importance to the objectives of the RFP;

4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

The duration of the contract to be awarded shall be for a term of three (3) years, subject to an annual satisfactory performance evaluation, commencing on the day of agreement acceptance.

The contract term may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms, contingent upon a satisfactory contractor performance evaluation.

5.0 SCOPE OF WORK

- The work shall be carried out on an “as and when needed basis”. There are no guaranteed minimum number of hours of work.
 - Hours authorized by the City shall be performed 7 days a week, 6:30 am to 9:00 pm.
- The scope of work will consist of, but is not limited to, the following areas:
 - Tree risk assessments
 - Tree health evaluations
 - Tree appraisals
 - Investigations and recommendations
 - Consultations
- Requests for services will be emailed as work orders by the Arborist Supervisor or designate.
- Work orders will specify the description and location of the work, timeline for completion, as well as the deliverables. The Contractor and its employees shall cooperate with City representatives and not interfere with the daily use of the park, trail or other designated work site, unless authorized by the Parks Manager or designate. Public safety must be observed and maintained at all times. Work shall not be performed at any location or manner that may endanger the health and safety of the public. Prime Contractor, Safety, and COVID-19 expectations are outlined in Section 7.0.
- Deliverables include a report describing the findings and any recommendations from the work order. Deliverable examples for a Risk Assessment Report would be:
 - Title referencing the work order name and ID number.
 - Concise description of trees with defects associated with risk, including photo documentation.
 - Discussion of recommendations.
 - A table that includes at minimum:
 - Tree inventory ID number
 - Type of tree
 - DBH of tree
 - Targets
 - Occupancy rate for each target
 - Risk rating of each target
 - Recommended risk mitigation measures
 - Timeline for risk mitigation measures
 - Residual risk after mitigation measures complete
 - An example table is shown below:

Inventory Tree IDs	Tree Type	DBH	Targets	Occupancy Rates	Risk Ratings	Mitigation Measures	Timelines for Mitigation	Risk	Residual Risks
1001	Pin Oak	100 cm	House	Constant	High	Remove	1 - 3 Months		Low
1001			Trail	Frequent	Moderate				
1001			Road	Occasional	Low				
1002	Douglas-fir	65 cm	Bench	Frequent	Moderate	Pruning	6 - 12 Months		Low
1002			Trail	Occasional	Low				
1002									

- The Contractor will provide all labour, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to carry out the work requirements. The Contractor must supply all necessary permits, licenses, etc. at their cost to perform the work.
- The scope of work will not include present arborist contracts or future public competitions with an arborist component.
- The Contractor shall make every effort, select appropriate equipment and provide additional protection and precaution as necessary so as not to damage any park, trail or other designated work site. Costs to repair such damage will be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- The Contractor’s employee(s) having contact with the public or other patrons at any City park, trail or other work site shall behave in a courteous, considerate, efficient manner in line with good customer services practices. The City shall have the right to approve any and all Contractor employees, including management staff.
- The Contractor shall be solely responsible for loss or damage to their own equipment and for any materials delivered to the work site on behalf of the Contractor.
- The Contractor shall supply sufficient equipment and tools, in good state of repair, in the quantities and magnitude required to provide all appropriate services requested by the City. Any damage to City property is unacceptable and will be made good at the Contractor’s expense.

6.0 INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

- A reference to the work order name and ID number.
- The number of hours per resource required to complete the work order. Labour, rentals, equipment, etc.
- A single invoice is to be issued for each work order.

- Invoices are only to be sent to finance@courtenay.ca.

7.0 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Proponent must submit a copy of a company WorkSafe BC compliant COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan that is directly related to the work outlined in this RFP with their submission.

The successful Contractor shall be designated the Prime Contractor in the immediate work area and will be required to sign and submit the attached Prime Contractor Designation form.

The Proponent must submit a copy of the company Safety Manual that is directly related to the work outlined in this RFP with their submission. The submitted Safety Manual and/or Safe Work Procedures shall be reviewed for compliance by the City's OH&S/Disability Claims Coordinator.

8.0 SUBMISSION FORMAT

8.1 Company Overview & Experience

- Provide an executive summary of the company, its history, overall service profile, and current customer profile.
- Provide an overview of the proposed team, including resumes and credentials for all team members.
- Proponents should have a minimum of 10 years experience in providing goods and/or services of similar scope and nature.
- Proponents shall provide proof if they hold any of the following:
 - ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Certified Arborist is required.
 - ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) is required.
 - ASCA (American Society of Consulting Arborists) membership is a benefit.
 - ASCA Tree Appraisal Qualification is a benefit.
- Provide a minimum of three (3) references for similar work detailed in the Scope of Work. This must include a brief description of the scope of services provided, contract value, and contact information for each reference listed.
- Identify any additional value-added services available to the City.

8.2 Work Order Scenario

Include a mock Risk Assessment Report based on the scenerio attached as Schedule B – Work Order Bid Scenerio. Tree is located in Simms Millenium Park south of the footbridge near the 5th Street Bridge behind a park bench. Tree will be marked with a green spray paint dot. Refer to map in Work Order.

The Arborist Supervisor will be available to meet at the tree location to answer questions if requested. These meetings will be available October 19 – 23 only. To request a meeting contact publicworksservicesadmin@courtenay.ca.

8.3 Pricing

Submit a Schedule of Rates for Resources (labour, equipment, rentals, other) & Products / Materials (trees, planting soil, mulch, staking materials, other as necessary).

Include rates for Resources \$/hour.

Show the percentage mark-up included in the rates for Products / Materials.

Include a mock invoice as per the invoice requirements outlined in section 6.0 for the Risk Assessment Report attached as Schedule B.

8.4 Schedule A – Form of Submission

The Schedule A – Form of Submission must be submitted with the Proponent's proposal. The Form of Submission must be signed by an authorized representative of the company.

9.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPONENTS

- 9.1 An electronic submission of the proposal in .pdf format must be submitted to: **purchasing@courtenay.ca** no later than 2:00pm PST, Thursday, October 29, 2020, the RFP closing date. The email subject line shall read **“R20-15 Arborist Services”**.

It is the sole responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that their proposal is received by the City within the proper time allocation. Late responses will be rejected by the City of Courtenay. All proposals, including Form of Submission, must be signed by an authorized Proponent representative.

Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the Proponent of the conditions contained in this RFP, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted.

- 9.2 Questions are to be submitted in writing up to 2 business days prior to the RFP Closing Date quoting the RFP name, number and contact person below, and sent to email **purchasing@courtenay.ca**.

Graham Peterson
Procurement Specialist, City of Courtenay
purchasing@courtenay.ca

Any verbal communications will be considered unofficial and non-binding to the City. Proponents should rely only on written statements issued by the contact person listed above.

- 9.3 Notwithstanding any custom or trade practice to the contrary, the City reserves the right to, at its sole discretion and according to its own judgement of its best interest to waive any technical or formal defect in a proposal and accept that proposal.

10.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

10.1 General

- a) An evaluation committee made up of City staff will be reviewing proposal submissions. The City reserves the right to accept any or none of the proposals submitted and will evaluate proposals based on best value and not necessarily the lowest cost.

10.2 Evaluation Criteria & Weighting

The City reserves the right to accept any or none of the proposals submitted and will evaluate proposal submissions based on “best value” using the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Criteria Weight	Score Per Evaluation Criteria					Weighted Total
		Poor (.3)	Marginal (.5)	Fair (.7)	Good (.9)	Excellent (1.0)	
Company Overview & Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> References Proposed Team Value-Added Services 	20						
Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Manual COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan 	25						
Risk Assessment Report – Schedule B	20						
Financial Cost to the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule of Rates Cost of Risk Assessment Report 	35						
Total	100						

10.3 Score Key

- Excellent (1.0) – Exceeds expectations, benchmark for operational excellence
- Good (.9) – Meets expectations
- Fair (.7) – Meets most expectations
- Marginal (.5) – Meets some expectations
- Poor (.3) – Misses most expectations
- Substandard (.0) – Falls far below expectations / did not attempt or achieve

11.0 GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

11.1 Not a Tender Call

This RFP is not a tender call, and the submission of any response to this RFP does not create a tender process. This RFP is not an invitation for an offer to contract, and it is not an offer to contract made by the City. Proposals will not be opened in public.

11.2 No Obligation to Proceed

- a) Though the City fully intends at this time to proceed through the RFP process in order to select the goods or services, the City is under no obligation to proceed to the purchase, or any other stage. The receipt by the City of any information (including any submissions, ideas, plans, drawings, models or other materials communicated or exhibited by any intended Proponent, or on its behalf) shall not impose any obligations on the City. There is no guarantee by the City, its officers, employees or agents, that the process initiated by the issuance of this RFP will continue, or that this RFP process or any RFP process will result in a contract with the City for the purchase of the product, service or project.
- b) The City reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of the proposal, however the City is not precluded from negotiating with the successful Proponent to modify its proposal to best suit the needs of the City.
- c) The City reserves the right to reject, at the City's sole discretion, any or all proposals if the proposal is either incomplete, obscure, irregular or unrealistic.
- d) Further, a proposal may be rejected on the basis of the Proponents past performance, financial capabilities, completion schedule and non-compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation.
- e) The City reserves the right to accept or reject a proposal where only one proposal is received.
- f) Notwithstanding any custom or trade practice to the contrary, the City reserves the right to, at its sole discretion and according to its own judgement of its best interest to waive any technical or formal defect in a proposal and accept that proposal.
- g) The City reserves the right to award the contract to other than the lowest cost Proponent.
- h) Award of any contract resulting from this RFP may be subject to City of Courtenay Council approval, and budget considerations.
- i) The City reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time.

11.3 Cost of Preparation

Any cost incurred by the Proponent in the preparation of the proposal will be solely at the expense of the Proponent.

11.4 Confidentiality and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The proposal should clearly identify any information that is considered to be confidential or proprietary information (the "Confidential Information"). However, the City is subject to the

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. As a result, while the Act offers some protection for third party business interests, the City can't guarantee that any Confidential Information provided to the City can be held in confidence if a request for access is made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

11.5 Irrevocability of Proposals

By submission of a written request, the Proponent may amend or withdraw its proposal prior to the closing date and time. Upon closing time, all proposals become irrevocable and are valid for a minimum of **60** days. By submission of a proposal the Proponent agrees should the proposal be successful, the Proponent will enter into a contract with the City. Prices will be firm for the entire contract period, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

11.6 Pricing

Prices are to be quoted in Canadian funds with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) shown as a separate line item, if requested. Prices must be quoted inclusive of all shipping, duty and other applicable costs F.O.B. the location indicated in the RFP.

11.7 Sub-Contracting

Under no circumstances may the provision of goods or services, or any part thereof be sub-contracted, transferred, or assigned to another company, person, or other without the prior written approval of the City of Courtenay.

11.8 Accuracy of Information

The City makes no representation or warranty, either express or implied, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any information contained or referred to in this RFP.

11.9 Default

- a) The City may, by notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract if the Contractor fails to make delivery of the Services within the time specified, or to perform any other provisions of this Contract.
- b) In the event the City terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in clause 11.9(a), the City may procure goods or services similar to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for any excess costs for such similar goods or services.
- c) The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs under clause 11.9(a) or 11.9(b) if failure to perform the Contract arises by reason of Force Majeure or acts of the City.

11.10 Misrepresentation or Solicitation

If any director, officer or employee or agent of a Proponent makes any representation or solicitation to any Councillor, officer, employee or agent of the City of Courtenay with respect to the RFP, whether before or after the submission of the proposal, the City shall be entitled to reject or not accept the proposal.

11.11 Applicable Laws and Agreements

- a) The laws of the Province of B.C. shall govern this request for proposal and any subsequent Contract resulting.
- b) This RFP is subject to the terms and conditions of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and the New West Partnership Agreement.

11.12 Ownership of Materials and Copyright

- a) Any drawings, audio-visual materials, plans, models, designs, specifications, software, reports and other similar documents or products produced by the Contractor for the benefit of the City as a result of the provision of the Services (the “Material”) may be used by the City as part of its operations associated with the Materials provided.
- b) All Material shall be transferred and delivered by the Contractor to the City following the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement, provided that the City may, at any time or times prior to the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement, give written notice to the Contractor requesting delivery by the Contractor to the City of all or any part of the Material in which event the Contractor shall forthwith comply with such request. All materials created electronically must be provided in electronic format, in a format and in a medium acceptable to the City.
- c) The Contractor agrees that the City will own all of the Material and the Contractor irrevocably assigns to the City all of the Contractor’s title in the Material. The Contractor retains ownership of the “Embedded IP”. The Material does not include intellectual property or confidential information that is proprietary to the Contractor and (a) used by the Contractor to prepare, produce or supply the Material, or (b) that is otherwise embedded within the Material (“Embedded IP”).
- d) The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that any portion of the Material produced by the Contractor will not infringe any patent or copyright or any other industrial or intellectual property rights including trade secrets.

11.13 Corporate Climate Action Strategy Requirements

Vehicle Idling

In the interest of reducing negative impacts on the environment, all Contractors and Consultants working directly or indirectly for the City on City owned property must ensure that when vehicles or equipment are not required to be running for operational purposes every effort is made to reduce or eliminate engine idling.

11.14 Payment Terms

The successful Proponent shall invoice the City in an acceptable format and will be paid as per the City’s standard payment terms, net 30 days from date of invoice. The City of Courtenay shall not pre-pay for any goods, or services for any period, unless agreed to in writing by the City.

All invoices must be emailed to finance@courtenay.ca, please do not mail invoices in addition to emailing.

11.15 Business License and Permits

Contractors are required to acquire and maintain a City of Courtenay Business License or a Central Vancouver Island Inter-municipal Business License prior to the commencement of the work and for the term of the Contract.

11.16 Insurance

As a minimum, the successful Proponent shall procure and maintain through the term of the contract, at its own expense and cost, the following insurance policies:

- a) **Commercial General Liability Insurance** in an inclusive amount of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence. Minimum coverage must include Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Non-Owned Automobile Liability, Products/Completed Operations, Contingent Employers Liability, Cross Liability and Severability of Interest, and a 30 day written notice of insurance cancellation clause.
- b) **Motor Vehicle Insurance ICBC APV47 form** - Bodily Injury and Property damage in an amount no less than \$2,000,000 per accident per licensed motor vehicle used to carry out the Work
- c) The successful Proponent shall be responsible for **WorkSafe BC** assessments relating to its work on behalf of the City and the work of its sub-contractors. It shall remain in good standing with WorkSafe BC and comply with all Workers' Compensation Board legislation in the province of British Columbia.

11.17 Agreement

The successful Proponent will be required to enter into a formal agreement with the City prior to the Contract commencement, template attached for reference.

12.0 ATTACHMENTS

- a) Schedule A - Form of Submission
- b) Schedule B – Work Order Bid Scenario
- b) Schedule C - Standard Contractor Agreement
- c) Schedule D – Prime Contractor Designation Form

SCHEDULE A
FORM OF SUBMISSION

The Proponent offers to supply to the City of Courtenay the goods and services for the prices not including GST as follows:

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Company Overview, Experience & References Included | Yes or No |
| 2. Certification Proof Included | Yes or No |
| 3. Mock Risk Assessment Report Included | Yes or No |
| 4. Mock Invoice For Risk Assessment Report Included | Yes or No |
| 5. Schedule of Rates Included | Yes or No |
| 6. Safety Manual Included | Yes or No |
| 7. Company WorkSafe BC Compliant COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan | Yes or No |

The above prices include and cover all duties, handling and transportation charges, and all other charges incidental to and forming part of this proposal.

Acknowledgement is hereby made of receipt and inclusion of the following addenda to the documents:

Addendum(s) No. _____ Dated: _____ No. Of Pages: _____

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We the undersigned duly authorized representatives of the Proponent, having received and carefully reviewed the RFP, submit this proposal in response to the RFP. This proposal is offered by the Proponent this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Print Name and Position of Signatory

Work Order

Bid Scenario: Simms Park Cottonwood Risk Assessment Oct 2020

Work Order ID
474

Work Order Name
Bid Scenario: Simms Park Cottonwood Risk
Assessment Oct 2020

Priority
Medium

Location/Contact Information
Simms Millennium Park
Courtenay

Work Tasks

WR ID	Inventory ID	DBH (cm)	Common Name	Work Task	Description
21085	3557	74	Black Cottonwood	Risk Assess - Level 2	Basic Tree Risk Assessment (TRAQ)

Work Order Notes

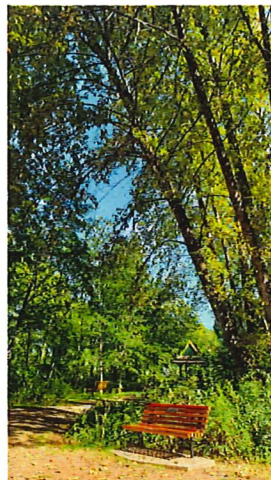
NON-URGENT. COMPLETE BY: ----- DESCRIPTION: Using International Society of Arboriculture Best Management Practices: Tree Risk Assessment method, Level 2 (and Level 3 as you deem necessary if not specified) with Timeframe for assessment of 2 years (unless you deem otherwise), perform tree risk assessment the larger leaning Black Cottonwood behind the bench in Simms Park (refer to Map). Please submit a report describing your findings. PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR REPORT: 1. Concise description of Tree(s); include defects with risk implications and photo documentation 2. Table that includes: a. Tree ID # b. Tree Type c. DBH of Tree d. Targets e. Occupancy Rate for Target(s) of Tree(s) f. Risk Rating for Target(s) of Tree(s) g. Risk Mitigation Recommendations h. Timeline for Risk Mitigation i. Residual Risk after Risk Mitigation complete 3. Discussion of recommendations 4. Please reference the work order name and ID number in the title of your report NOTE: Please include your report as part of your submission requirements

Photos

Tree 3557



Tree 3557



Map





"TITLE OF" AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made the **XX** day of **XX**, 2020.

BETWEEN

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY

830 Cliffe Avenue

Courtenay, B.C.

V9N 2J7

(hereinafter the "City")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

CONTRACTOR

(hereinafter the "Contractor")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS:

The City wishes to hire the Contractor for the Work as described herein, and desires to engage the Contractor to perform said Work.

The Contractor has agreed to perform the said Work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT in consideration of the terms, covenants and conditions herein contained, the parties hereto, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. CONTRACTOR'S SERVICES TO THE CITY

- 1.1 The Contractor shall provide and be fully responsible for the following services, description of work or services, (hereinafter called the "Work"):
- 1.2 The Contractor must provide and is responsible for the Work outlined in their proposal dated XX, (attached hereto as *Schedule A*) submitted to the City by the Contractor in response to the City's bid opportunity XX (attached hereto as *Schedule B*), forming an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.3 The Contractor shall perform the Work:
 - a) with the degree of care, skill and diligence normally applied in the performance of Work of a similar nature;
 - b) in accordance with current professional practices;
 - c) in conformance with the latest industry standards and regulations applicable at the time of the Work to be undertaken.
- 1.4 The Contractor must furnish all personnel required to perform the Work and personnel must be competent and qualified to perform the Work.
- 1.5 Where specific personnel have been proposed by the Contractor for the performance of the Work, and have been accepted by the City, the personnel may not be replaced without the prior written consent of the City.
- 1.6 The Contractor must commence the Work in a timely manner and carry out the Work in accordance with the completion dates set out in the work plan and stated on the Bid Form.

2. TERM OF CONTRACT & PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- 2.1 The Work shall be completed on or before the date agreed to by the Contractor and the City, subject to inspection and approval by the City's project representative.
- 2.2 All contacts and any applicable extensions, are subject to a performance evaluation to be conducted by the City either at the end of the project or annually, whichever is earliest.

3. PAYMENT

- 3.1 In consideration of the Work performed by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the City, the City shall pay to the Contractor the unit prices as prescribed in *Schedule A* attached hereto and forming an integral part of this Agreement.
- 3.2 The Contractor shall submit detailed invoices each month. Each invoice will show the purchase order number XX, the percentage of the Services that are complete, and the amount of the GST applicable. The City shall pay the invoice net 30 days of receipt. Invoices are to be submitted (email preferred) to:

City of Courtenay
Accounts Payable
830 Cliffe Avenue,

Courtenay, B.C. V9J 2N7
finance@courtenay.ca

- 3.3 No prepayment of goods or services shall occur unless agreed to in writing by the City.
- 3.4 The contract price or schedule of rates included in *Schedule A* shall be the entire compensation owing to the Contractor for the Work and this compensation shall cover all profit and all costs of supervision, labour, material, equipment, overhead, financing, warranty work, and all other costs and expenses whatsoever incurred in completing the Work.
- 3.5 The Contractor shall keep proper accounts and records of all costs and expenditures forming the basis of the billing to the City, including but not limited to hours worked, details of disbursements and percentage amounts of work completed. The City shall be entitled to verify the accuracy and validity of all billings and payments as shall be reasonably necessary or advisable.

4. CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK

- 4.1 The City may at any time vary the scope of work to be provided by the Contractor as part of the Work. In that case and where this Agreement contains a limit or limits in Section 3 as to the maximum fees and disbursements to be paid to the Contractor for all or any part of the Work, such limit or limits shall be adjusted as agreed to by both parties in writing and failing agreement, as reasonably determined by the City. Should the Contractor consider that any request or instruction from the City constitutes a change in the scope of the Work, the Contractor shall so advise the City within five (5) days in writing. Without said written advice within the time period specified, the City shall not be obligated to make any payments of additional fees to the Contractor.

5. UNDERTAKING OF RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 5.1 The Contractor hereby indemnifies and releases the City, its officers, employees and agents from all costs, losses, damages and disbursements including those caused by personal injury, death, property damage, loss and economic loss arising out of, suffered or experienced by the Contractor, its officers, servants and agents, and sub-contractors in connection with their performance of the Work under this Agreement except where such loss arises solely out of negligence on the part of the City, its officers, servants and agents.
- 5.2 This release and covenant of indemnification above set forth shall survive termination of the term of this Agreement.

6. INSURANCE

- 6.1 The Contractor agrees to obtain at its own expense and submit to the City prior to commencing the Work under this Agreement:
 - a) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance (CGL) policy with coverage of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim and aggregate per year (hereinafter the CGL policy). The CGL policy shall include liability for Bodily Injury, Property Damage, and Non-Owned Vehicles, including Broad Form products and completed operations, shall name the

City as an additional insured and contain a Cross Liability clause. The CGL policy shall remain in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Agreement;

- b) Motor Vehicle Insurance, including bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence covering all owned, non-owned, leased, rented or temporary vehicles;
 - c) The Contractor is responsible for any deductible amounts under the policies. The cost of all insurance required by this Agreement shall be included in the Contractor's fees.
 - d) The insurance policies shall be on terms satisfactory to the City. Insurance policies must be signed by an authorized representative of the insurance brokerage firm. Proof of the insurance policies, to the satisfaction of the City, and shall be delivered to the City prior to commencement of the Work. Such proof shall confirm that coverage is in effect, identify the City as an additional insured under the CGL policy, describe the type and amount of insurance, list major exclusions and agree to provide the City 30 days' prior written notice of cancellation of any insurance policy.
- 6.2 Should the Contractor hire a sub-contractor (pre-approved by the City) to perform any work related to the Work, the Contractor shall in turn, ensure the sub-contractor has obtained insurance on the same terms as outlined in 7.1 above. Such insurance shall include the City as an additional insured and shall include coverage for all operations required for the sub-contractor's work under this Agreement.
- 6.3 The foregoing insurance requirements shall not in any way reduce the Contractor's obligations to release and indemnify the City as outlined in Section 5 "Undertaking Release and Indemnification".

7. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- 7.1 a) A City of Courtenay Business License or Mid-Island Inter-municipal Business License valid for the term of the work to carry out and complete the Works; and
- b) All other permits and licenses necessary to carry out and complete the Works.

8. HEALTH & SAFETY

- 8.1 During the term of this Agreement the Contractor shall ensure that all work performed is in compliance with all applicable health & safety regulations and guidelines, including without limitation the Workers Compensation Act and Regulation of B.C.
- 8.2 The Contractor shall provide a copy of the Contractor's Health & Safety Program and/or Safe Work procedure to the City prior to the commencement of the Work.
- 8.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for WorkSafe BC assessments relating to its work under this Agreement and the work of its sub-contractors. It shall remain in good standing with WorkSafe BC for the term of the Agreement.
- 8.4 If the Contractor fails to comply with any clause 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of this Agreement, the City may terminate this Agreement for cause.
- 8.5 The Contractor may be designated the Prime Contractor by the City for the immediate and/or designated Work area. The Contractor shall complete, authorize and forward a

Prime Contractor Designation form to the City prior to the commencement of the Work.

- 8.6 If designated Prime Contractor, the Contractor shall coordinate a work site risk assessment with the City's project representative prior to commencement of any Work.

9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

- 9.1 The City is subject to the Province of British Columbia's "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act". All documents will be received and held, to the extent reasonable, in confidence by the City and the information will not be disclosed except to the degree necessary for carrying out the City's purposes or as required by law.

10. CITY APPROVALS

- 10.1 No reviews, approvals or inspections carried out or information supplied by the City derogate from the duties and obligations of the Contractor, with respect to the Work and all responsibility for the Work is the Contractor's.

11. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 11.1 The City reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement for any reason, including in the event the Contractor is in default due to an insolvency event or the Contractor fails to perform any of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement or any representation or warranty made by the Contractor in this Agreement is untrue or incorrect, upon providing ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor.
- 11.2 At the time of a default event, or at any time thereafter, the City may at its option elect to do any one or more of the following:
- a) By written notice to the Contractor, require that the event of default be remedied within a time period specified in the notice;
 - b) Pursue any remedy or take any other action available to it at law or in equity; or
 - c) By written notice to the Contractor, terminate this Agreement with immediate effect or on a future date specified in the notice, subject to the expiration of any time period specified under Section 11.2.a.
- 11.3 No failure or delay on the part of the City to exercise its rights in relation to an event of default will constitute a waiver by the City of such rights.
- 11.4 If the City terminates this Agreement the City must, within 30 days of such termination, pay to the Contractor any unpaid portion of the fees and expenses described in Schedule A which corresponds with the portion of the Services that was completed to the City's satisfaction before termination of the Agreement. The Contractor must, within 30 days of such termination, repay to the City any paid portion of the fees and expenses described in Schedule A which corresponds with the portion of the Services that the City has notified the Contractor in writing was not completed to the City's satisfaction before termination of this Agreement.
- 11.5 The payment by the City of the amount described in Section 11.4 discharges the City

from all liability to make payments to the Contractor under this Agreement.

12. NON-DISCLOSURE

- 12.1 The Contractor acknowledges that in performing the Work required under this Agreement, it will acquire information about certain matters which is confidential to the City, and the information is the exclusive property of the City.
- 12.2 The Contractor undertakes to treat as confidential all information received by reason of its position as Contractor and agrees not to disclose it to any third party either during performance of the Work or after the Work have been rendered under this Agreement.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 13.1 The Contractor agrees it will not provide any Work or Services to any person in circumstances that, in the City's reasonable opinion, could give rise to a conflict of interest between the Contractor's duties to that person and the Contractor's duties to the City under this Agreement.
- 13.2 The Contractor declares and confirms that it has no pecuniary or other interest in the business of any third party that would cause a conflict of interest or be seen to cause a conflict of interest in performing the Work.
- 13.3 If any such conflict of interest occurs during the term of this Agreement, then the Contractor shall immediately declare it in writing to the City and, at the direction of the City, the Contractor shall promptly and diligently take steps to the satisfaction of the City to resolve the conflict.

14. WARRANTIES

- 14.1 The Contractor shall supply a minimum warranty for the Work which shall survive the date of completion of the Work as agreed to by the Contractor and the City.
- 14.2 The minimum warranty for labour shall be one (1) year and the materials warranty shall be as per the manufacturer's or Contractor's warranty, whichever is greater.

15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 15.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed according to the laws of British Columbia.
- 15.2 This Agreement and all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or in respect of any defined legal relationship associated with it or derived from it shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

16. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 The City requires the management of its assets in an environmentally sound manner and integrates environmental factors into planning and decision making. The intent is to conserve natural resources and to minimize negative impacts on the environment, while

retaining optimal product or service performance. The City encourages the Contractor and sub-contractors to minimize impacts on the environment including recycling, re-use of materials where applicable and reduction of landfill waste.

16.2 Non-idling of Vehicles

In the interest of reducing negative impacts on human health, all Contractors working directly or indirectly for the City or on City owned property must ensure that when vehicles or equipment are not required to be running for operational purposes every effort is made to reduce engine idling.

Idling time shall be permitted to provide safe and efficient engine warm up time, 3 to 5 minutes for heavy duty vehicles and equipment, and up to 1 minute for light duty vehicles and equipment. During field operation, the same criteria shall apply.

These time periods have been calculated by Natural Resources Canada to account for all incremental weather wear on batteries and starters as well as the incremental usage associated with re-starting the engine. The anti-idling criteria do not apply to any situation where the safety of the operator, passengers or other person shall be compromised by turning off the engine.

17. FORCE MAJEURE

17.1 Definitions relating to force majeure;

a) "Event of Force Majeure" means one of the following events:

- i) a natural disaster, fire, flood, storm, epidemic or power failure;
- ii) a war (declared and undeclared), insurrection or act of terrorism or piracy;
- iii) a strike (including illegal) work stoppage or slowdown) or lockout, or
- iv) a freight embargo.

If the event prevents a party from performing the party's obligations in accordance with this Agreement and is beyond the reasonable control of that party; and

b) "Affected Party" means a party prevented from performing the party's obligations in accordance with this Agreement by an Event of Force Majeure.

17.2 Consequences of Force Majeure

An Affected Party is not liable to the other party for any failure or delay in the performance of the Affected Party's obligations under this Agreement resulting from an Event of Force Majeure and any time periods for the performance of such obligations are automatically extended for the duration of the Event of Force Majeure provided that the Affected Party complies with the requirements of Section 17.3.

17.3 Duties of Affected Party

An Affected Party must promptly notify the other party in writing upon the occurrence of the Event of Force Majeure and make all reasonable efforts to prevent, control or limit the effect of the Event of Force Majeure so as to resume compliance with the Affected

Party's obligations under this Agreement as soon as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties shall execute this Agreement with effect as of the date first forth above.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY

By: _____
Signature

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Signature

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

SCHEDULE C

“PRIME CONTRACTOR DESIGNATION”

PROJECT TITLE: R20-15 Arborist Services

WORK DESCRIPTION: Tree Assessments, Evaluations, Appraisals, Investigations and Consultations

LOCATION: Courtenay, B.C.

OWNER: City of Courtenay

This declaration is a WorkSafe BC requirement for work on City-owned properties, projects, and developments.

As per the requirements of the *Workers' Compensation Act* Part 3, Division 3, Section 118 (1-3) which states:

Coordination of multiple-employer workplaces

118 (1) In this section:

“**multiple-employer Workplace**” means a Workplace where workers of 2 or more employers are working at the same time;

“**prime contractor**” means, in relation to a multiple-employer workplace,

- (a) the directing contractor, employer or other person who enters into a written agreement with the owner of that Workplace to be the prime contractor for the purposes of this Part, or;
- (b) if there is no agreement referred to in paragraph (a), the owner of the Workplace.

(2) The prime contractor of a multiple-employer Workplace must:

- (a) ensure that the activities of employers, workers and other persons at the workplace relating to occupational health and safety are coordinated, and;
- (b) do everything that is reasonably practicable to establish and maintain a system or process that will ensure compliance with this Part and the regulation in respect to the workplace.

(3) Each employer of workers at a multiple-employer workplace must give to the prime contractor the name of the person the employer has designated to supervise the employer's workers at that Workplace.

By signing this Agreement, the Contractor accepts all responsibilities of a prime contractor as outlined in the Workers Compensation Act and WorksafeBC OH&S Regulation.

As a Contractor signing this Prime Contractor Designation form with the City of Courtenay (the “Owner”), you are agreeing that your company, management staff, supervisory staff and workers will comply with the Workers Compensation Board Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and the *Workers' Compensation Act*.

Any WorksafeBC OH&S violation by the prime contractor may be considered a breach of contract resulting in possible termination or suspension of the agreement and/or any other actions deemed appropriate at the discretion of the City.

Any penalties, sanctions or additional costs levied against the City, as a result of the actions of the prime contractor are the responsibility of the prime contractor.

The Contractor acknowledges having read and understood the information above.

By signing this Prime Contractor designation form, the Contractor agrees as a representative of the firm noted below, to accept all responsibilities of the prime contractor for this project.

I fully understand and accept the responsibilities of the Prime Contractor designation in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Act for all work on City-owned property; as described above, and will abide by all WorkSafe BC Regulation requirements.

WorkSafe BC *Notice of Project No.* (if applicable): _____

Company: _____

Signed: _____

(Authorized Signatory)

Date: _____