SUBJECT: Establishment of a Regular Full-time Trades Foreman Position.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the establishment of a regular full-time Trades Foreman Position:

POLICY:

The global budget arrangement with City Council allows the Board to establish staff positions at its discretion if funds are in place. Positions established must be ratified by Council.

DISCUSSION:

With the retirement of a Sub Trades Foreman in December 1995 and the growing park inventory within the downtown core, the opportunity presently exists to re-organize staffing responsibilities to provide maximum customer service for current and future park developments within the downtown core.

Summary of new park development to be managed by this position.

Additions to downtown core park inventory within the last 3 years

Expected growth of downtown core park inventory within the next 5 years

Andy Livingstone Park 10.6 acres
Phase I David Lam Park 6 acres

Southside Granville
Slopes .3 acres
Coopers Park 4.2 acres
George Wainborn Park 6 acres
Phase I & II
David Lam Park 4 acres

The Foreman position being recommended will ensure the downtown area receives the planning, organizing and supervision required for this area.

The financial impact of this conversion is minimal and the funds are available in the Board's operating budget. Funding for new park development is acquired through the Added Basic Process. Given that the Full-time Trades Foreman Position is a salary position Board approval is required for this change.

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