

DATE: August 17, 1995

SUBJECT: LEBANESE CANADIAN SOCIETY COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, QUEEN
ELIZABETH PARK

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board give approval to the Lebanese Canadian Society for the installation of a Commemorative Plaque in Queen Elizabeth Park with all arrangements subject to the approval of the General Manager.

POLICY

The Board has a policy to govern Commemorative Installations in Civic Parks. It provides guidelines to govern the procedures and criteria for approval, size, materials, location installation, cost and responsibility.

BACKGROUND

The Lebanese Canadian Society would like to donate a commemorative plaque to the Board. They are requesting that it be installed at the foot of the largest Lebanese Cedar in Queen Elizabeth Park. This tree was brought from Lebanon and planted in the Park 40 years ago. The purpose of this plaque is to honour the founders of the Lebanese Canadian Society and to commemorate the Lebanese Cedar Tree which is symbolic of greatness, holiness and beauty in the Lebanese culture. It also commemorates in this instance the Lebanese immigrants who have made Canada their home.

DISCUSSION

The Lebanese immigrants who arrived 40 years ago to this area brought with them and donated about a dozen Lebanese cedars. They are planted in various parks in the Greater Vancouver area. The large Cedar just west of the main Quarry and north of the parking lot already has a plaque signifying the donation of the tree (Appendix A).

The Lebanese Canadian Society is proposing to use a piece of gigantic granite which will incorporate both the new plaque and the existing plaque. The existing plaque will go on the face of the granite and the new one will be installed on the top slanted surface of the granite.

The wording on the plaque (Appendix B) will describe the tree and its importance in the history of Lebanese people. It will commemorate the founders of the Lebanese Canadian Society and the members who sustain the spirit of the culture worldwide. It will be in both the French and English language.

The size of the new plaque will be approximately 40 x 60 cms. The text and the plaque fall within the Board's policy. They will pay the

required maintenance fee, the cost of the plaque and installation costs.

The Lebanese Canadian Society would like to install the plaque as soon as possible so that the unveiling can be part of the Lebanese Cultural Day celebrations on November 12, 1995.

CONCLUSION

This request falls within the guidelines of the Board's policy on Commemorative Installations (Appendix C). There are no objections to the requested location.

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