

May 27, 1998

SUBJECT: LORD ROBERTS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

- A. **THAT the Board request Council to transfer to Park Board accounts the prepaid lease payment by Caesar Park Hotels and Resorts Company Ltd. for the parking garage site beneath Marina Square parksite.**
- B. **THAT the Board request Council to authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000 of the lease payment on the Lord Roberts School site.**
- C. **THAT the Board, as a condition of this investment, require a licence for public access to the site from the School Board as outlined in this report.**

COUNCIL/BOARD POLICY

Expenditure of Park Board funds on other than Park Board properties requires the approval of Council.

BACKGROUND

The concept of upgrading the school yard at Lord Roberts School for the benefit of the broader community has been under discussion for a number of years. The current proposal was brought before the Planning and Environment Committee of the Board on November 12, 1997 at which time the Commissioners agreed in principle with the project subject to a satisfactory design and appropriate security for the provision of public access to the project.

DISCUSSION

While financially underwriting the school yard improvement the Board is seeking security that the site will be available to the public in general outside of normal school hours. To this end the Board is seeking a licence for public access to the site on the following conditions:

1. The term of the licence will be 10 years with a ten year option to the Park Board to extend the licence, the option not to be unreasonably withheld.

2. The site of the licence will be as shown on the attached sketch.
3. Public access to the site will be available at all times outside of regular school hours. School Board will consult with the Park Board in advance of any closure of the playground site outside of regular school hours when the site is required on rare occasions for School Board/School planned activities.
4. The design of the site will be to the satisfaction of the Park Board's Director of Planning and Development and with the concurrence of the School Board's Maintenance and Construction Manager.
5. If the School Board takes back all or part of the site within ten years, they will be required to repay the Park Board on a straight line pro rata basis, the remaining portion of the Park Board investment.

With the above described agreement in place, the Park Board would contribute up to \$250,000 including design costs and staff time, for the redevelopment of the school yard site to provide park and playground amenities to the neighbouring community.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the recommendations will initiate the funding transfer process and establish the terms of an agreement with the School Board.

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