

Date: July 8, 1999

SUBJECT: STANLEY PARK CAUSEWAY REDEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the attached “Stanley Park Causeway Agreement” dated July 12, 1999.

POLICY

At its meeting of September 28, 1998, the Board passed the following resolutions:

- “A) THAT the Board approve the widening of the causeway sidewalks from 1.2 to 2 metres.
- B) THAT the Board approve the filling of the existing causeway drainage ditches and their replacement with storm sewers and oil/water separators.
- C) THAT the Board develop biofiltration marshes at Beaver Lake and Lost Lagoon to receive the causeway runoff, with all direct costs to be paid by the Provincial Government.
- D) THAT as a condition of this approval the Board require the following additional improvements to be made to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.
 - a) THAT the bike path alignment and access issues be addressed to the greatest extent possible including any overpass locations.
 - b) THAT the pathway be straightened around pullouts along the sides of the causeway.
 - c) THAT adequate lighting be provided on both sides of the causeway.
 - d) THAT the surface be suitable for bicycle and in-line skates.
 - e)
- E) THAT in agreeing to the above proposals from the British Columbia Transportation Financing Authority, the Board in no manner alters or extends the rights of the Province in its occupancy and operation of the causeway.”

BACKGROUND

After a number of years of design alterations and negotiations the Provincial Government is

about to refurbish the Lions Gate Bridge and the Stanley Park Causeway. The Board concurred with this decision as outlined above in September 1998.

The Province has since completed a proposal call and selected a contractor who is prepared to commence work this month.

DISCUSSION

The attached agreement deals with: a) operating conditions and related approvals during the construction period; b) long-term maintenance and management responsibilities; and c) relationship of this document to previously established legal enabling documents dealing with the causeway and bridgehead areas.

Staff believe that this agreement as drafted stays true to the intent of previous agreements and also represents the intentions of the Board as outlined in its resolution of September 28, 1998.

CONCLUSION

The signing of this agreement will permit the start of reconstruction on the causeway. The current schedule is as follows:

July 1999	-	commence causeway reconstruction
Feb. 2000	-	complete causeway reconstruction
Oct. 1999	-	commence bridge reconstruction
Oct. 2000	-	complete bridge reconstruction
Dec. 2000	-	overall project completion

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