

July 6, 1999

**SUBJECT:VANCOUVER MOLSON INDY LEGACY AND USE OF CREEKSIDE PARK**

**RECOMMENDATION**

A. THAT the Board give approval for the use of Creekside Park for a period of four days for the 1999 Indy.

B. THAT the Board concur with the attached Council report recommendations for a Vancouver Molson Indy Legacy but continue with a consultation process involving the Citygate residents and all neighboring Community Associations.

C. THAT the Board authorize the transfer of the annual fee (\$20,000) from Molstar Sports and Entertainment from 1998 to 2001 (\$80,000) to supplement improvements identified in this report, subject to the agreement of the participating stakeholders.

**POLICY**

The Board approves all Special Events held on Park Board property.

**BACKGROUND**

On March 9, 1998 the Board approved the following resolutions:

*THAT the Board approve in principle the use of Creekside Park by the Molson Indy Vancouver Race for a four year period beginning in 1998 subject to a suitable agreement being development that provides reasonable compensation to the Board, that protects and enhances the park design and facilities, and that ensures that any operating costs associated with the event are borne by the promoter.*

*THAT the Board approve the commencement of landscape work prior to the completion of the final agreement with all work subject to the approval of the Director of Planning. If, at any point a suitable agreement is not reached, the organizer will, at its own expense, restore the site to its original form.*

*THAT this approval in principle is made on the understanding that there will be some form of legacy program offered by the Molson Indy.*

At the Board meeting of July 28, 1998 the Board received a staff report on the Molson Indy's use of Creekside Park for information, and passed the following resolutions:

*WHEREAS it is the Board's practice to involve the relevant community in discussions concerning significant improvements to a park: and*

*WHEREAS the Citygate Community advises that it would be comforted by a Board*

*motion confirming the application of the practice.*

***BE IT RESOLVED that the Citygate Community and other relevant citizens and citizens groups, including community centre associations, be involved in discussions concerning***

- 1. Significant park improvements to be funded by the \$100,000 legacy fund; and,***
- 2. The uses to which the Molson Indy \$20,000 per year fee should be applied; and,***

***THAT staff keep the Board advised of such discussions by report or reports to the Board.***

Following concerns from Citygate residents about the 1998 Indy the Board on November 30, 1998 approved the following resolution:

***THAT the Board approve the 1999 Calendar of Major Events as described in Appendix B, except for the Molson Indy, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.***

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Citygate Concerns concerning the annual event.**

Staff have considered the concerns of Citygate residents with regard to access to the park during set up and take down days of the Molson Indy. Access to the park through clearly marked gates, along with other staff conditions have been discussed and agreed to by Molstar Sports & Entertainment. The conditions have been incorporated into the permit and staff now recommend approval.

### **Funding Creekside Park Improvements**

#### **A. Legacy Funding**

City, Park Board and Molstar Sports staff have had discussions concerning the legacy funding distribution of \$100,000, As identified in the City Council report City staff recommend the following allocation:

\$50,000	Completion of a temporary walkway through the SE Shore lands from Science World to the Cambie Bridge.
\$40,000	Community Playground adjacent to Science World that would present the basic principles of science and the environment in an interactive fashion.
\$10,000	Landscape Improvements in Creekside Park and Thornton Park.

#### **B. Annual Fee from Molstar Sports**

Molstar Sports pay the Board a \$20,000 annual fee to use Creekside Park for the event. It is recommended that the Board authorize the transfer of these funds, which total \$80,000 over the life of the agreement, to supplement the legacy funds to improve the park.

Further discussions will take place with Molstar Sports, Science World , City Gate residents and neighboring Community Associations as to the best use for these funds to provide added value to the above noted projects. Science World has already indicated they are prepared to provide design and programming assistance with the new playground.

## **SUMMARY**

Formal approval is required from the Board each year for Molstar Sports to occupy Creekside Park to hold the annual Indy event.

The use of the funding provided by Molstar Sports from the Legacy and the annual fee will help provide additional benefits in the development of Creekside Park but further community consultation is required before the distribution of funds is finalized.

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