



LATE REPORT

Date: October 12,2001

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: OPERATING BUDGET 2001 - THIRD QUARTER UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive this report for information.

PURPOSE

Periodical financial statements are submitted to ensure the Board is kept fully informed of the current expenditures and revenues in relation to the approved budget appropriation.

DISCUSSION

2001 Operating Budget

The following is a statement of operating expenditures as at September 30, 2001 (Cycle 9):

District/Service	September 30 Year-to-date Actual	2001 Net Budget	Percentage Spent
	\$	\$	%
Stanley	5,950,167	8,456,500	70.4
Queen Elizabeth	8,771,340	10,714,300	81.9
Vancouver East	7,317,440	9,253,100	79.1
Planning & Operations	10,901,067	14,222,600	76.7
Corporate Services	1,911,486	3,105,100	61.6
Total	34,851,500	45,751,600	76.2

As of September 30, 2001, 74.8% of the fiscal year has expired and 76.2% of the net budget has been expended. Staff have reviewed the operating budget and the results of this review are

summarized as follows:

Revenues are currently at 81.0% of budget, which is above expected levels, although some of this is due to timing related to receipt of revenues. Recreation Revenue in all Districts is down slightly. Revenues for the Miniature Train and Farmyard are lower than budgeted, due in part to the transit strike. Revenues from Brockton Oval are expected to be down slightly from the budgeted amounts, due to its later than expected opening date. Golf course revenues are also down slightly, due in part to a decline in clubhouse revenues. Balancing this, pay parking and filming revenues are up and are projected to cover the other projected deficits. The net effect is that the Board can expect to realize budgeted revenues.

Expenditures are slightly above normal level of net expenditure at this time of the year, but in line with our financial position at this time last year. Salary costs are up slightly resulting from a number of position re-classifications and staff retirements. Water and sewage charges are currently \$75,000 over budget, but staff are working with the City Engineering and Finance Departments for funding adjustments. Expenditures are projected to meet the budget.

Staff are committed to balancing the budget by the end of the fiscal year. Extensive reviews have taken place and close monitoring is ongoing. Where necessary, cost containment initiatives will be implemented, including reduced hours at some recreation facilities during slow periods and close scrutiny in expenditure spending.

The projection to year end is to have a balanced budget. This projection is based on the most current information available and represents a best estimate of the Park Board's financial position at December 31, 2001.

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