



Date: April 25, 2002

**TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Board approve an additional evening concert for the Vancouver Folk Music Festival on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 in the Jericho Park.**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society has in the past been given permission by the Board to hold Thursday evening concerts. The purpose of this additional concert is to raise funds to pay off operating debts. Concerts were held in 1995 and 2001 and they did not generate any specific concerns from either park users or park neighbours.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society is proposing to hold a 2-3 hour performance concert on Wednesday July 17, 2002 preceding the regular Friday night opening performance. Due to the elaborate weekend set up, the organizers would like to arrange a day between the extra concert and the regular scheduled Festival. Whether or not the concert will be held is dependent on a number of factors but the organizers would like to proceed with the planning of the event. There is no change to the Festival's set up (11 days prior) or take down (5 days following) requirements.

Given that past Thursday night concerts have not generated significant concerns, staff are recommending that the Board approve the Society's request to proceed with organizing this event. In the future, this additional night concert will be incorporated into the Folk Music Society's annual special event request.

## **SUMMARY**

The Vancouver Folk Music Festival is a very popular event in the City. The Society is entering its 25<sup>th</sup> season of providing the community with an entertaining, enriching cultural event.

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