



Date: January 19, 2004

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached City Council report dated January 19, 2004, entitled PNE/Hastings Process Framework and Public Consultation Process.

POLICY

The Board has a long term interest in the restoration of Hastings Park.

BACKGROUND

The attached report lays out a strategy for a community consultation process for Hastings Park, now Council has taken over ownership of the Pacific National Exhibition.

The greatest challenge in the strategy is time, since the visioning process incorporates the review of site options for a Racetrack with or without slot machines. Council has asked for a report back by May 2004. The strategy acknowledges that the approximately 31 acres of park which have been developed on the basis of the 1997 Hastings Park Restoration Plan are a given in this process. The process outlined involves a broad range of stakeholders both from Hastings Sunrise and the city at large.

The attached Council report is largely self explanatory and the PNE/Hastings Park project will present the report at the Park Board meeting of January 26, 2004.

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