



Date: July 6, 2005

TO: Board Members – Parks and Recreation

FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Sunset Community Centre

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. THAT the Board endorse recommendations A and B in the attached report to City Council, dated June 30, 2005.*
- B. THAT the Board gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution of \$500,000 from the Sunset Community Centre Association and recognize the Association's role in securing senior government funding for this project.*

POLICY

Council approves the Capital Plan programs and projects and any alterations to that plan.

BACKGROUND

Replacement of the Sunset Community Centre is a high priority for the Board in the present Capital Plan. Council allocated this project \$3.0 million from the \$20 million of borrowing authority for cost shared projects, subject to contributions from senior governments to the replacement project.

The Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program subsequently awarded \$4.0 million toward replacement of Sunset Community Centre. The Sunset Community Centre Association played a major role in securing these senior government funds.

Due to significant cost escalation that had started to become evident in construction in 2003, Council was advised in March of 2004 that additional funding of up to \$3.0 million could be required by the time the project was scheduled to be tendered in the Spring of 2005.

DISCUSSION

The attached Council report highlights design aspects of the new centre, and details how construction escalation has increased the cost of developing a 2800 m² (30,000 square foot) community centre in the last eighteen months. The building is proposed to be built to LEED Gold standards.

The report requests Council to allocate an additional \$3.0 million, increasing City funding to \$6.0 million. It also requests Council acknowledge receipt of a \$500,000 donation from the Sunset Community Association. The total budget will be \$10.5 million, 57% of which is City funding. The Council report also states that staff is currently working through a general contractor and the design consulting team to obtain sub-trade bids for the work, with the objective of negotiating a fixed price contract for the construction within the \$10.5 million project budget.

SUMMARY

This report requests the Board's endorsement of the attached City Council report requesting the allocation of additional funding for the construction of Sunset Community Centre.

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