

Date: March 3, 2006



**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: World Health Organization: Age-Friendly Urban Community Project**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*THAT, subject to Council's agreement, the Park Board endorse the City's application to become a BC Community Partner in the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Urban Community Project.*

## BACKGROUND

Staff at both the City and the Park Board recently received an invitation to submit an application under the World Health New Organization's Program to become a BC Community Partner. The deadline for submission is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

A copy of the Council report detailing the program, its activities and the criteria for consideration as a BC Partner Community is included as Appendix A.

## DISCUSSION

The Park Board as well as many City Departments have contributed significantly to making Vancouver an age-friendly community. The WHO Program, if our proposal is successful, will allow our work to be showcased to other cities around the world and will allow us to continue to improve our community's ability to age-in-place through ongoing dialogue with those in our community and experts in the field.

If we are successful, staff will report back with further details on the proposed approach and any required funding.

## SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that the Park Board and Council support the submission of an application to participate in this WHO Program as a BC Community Partner.

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