

Date: June 13, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre: Snowy's Lounge Kitchen Upgrades

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Park Board approve proceeding with a project to renovate the kitchen in Snowy's Lounge to upgrade it to a commercial kitchen at no cost to the Park Board.***
- B. THAT the Park Board accept the donation of \$294,500 from the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association for the project.***

POLICY

The Board approves all major improvements to Park Board facilities. The Board approves increases to the capital budget.

BACKGROUND

The existing kitchen in Snowy's lounge dates from when the Kitsilano Arena was built in the mid 1970s. The kitchen is currently used for occasional public events and for a limited meals program for the homeless. The kitchen does not meet current standards for institutional kitchens and is not suitable for preparing meals for the public.

DISCUSSION

The Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association would like to implement a meals program for various groups in the community including seniors and the underprivileged. A preliminary floor plan of the kitchen and a partial plan of the arena are attached for reference. The Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association have secured a capital project grant of \$100,000 from the provincial Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch for the project, and have committed to donate an additional \$194,500 to the project for a total project budget of \$294,500. The Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association would like to proceed with the project.

SUMMARY

Approval of the project and accepting the donation will allow the project to proceed. The first step will be a request for proposals for architectural services.

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