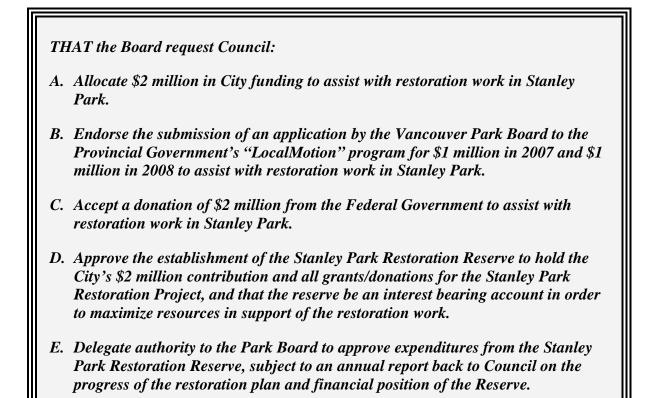


TO:Board Members – Vancouver Park BoardFROM:General Manager – Parks and RecreationSUBJECT:Stanley Park Restoration:
City, Provincial and Federal Funding

RECOMMENDATION



POLICY

Council approves the allocation of capital expenditures.

BACKGROUND

Three major windstorms have struck Stanley Park (December 15, 2006, January 5, and January 9, 2007), causing significant destruction to about 40 hectares (100 acres) of the forest, damaging portions of the seawall between Prospect Point and Third Beach, and destabilizing the escarpment above the seawall. After each windstorm, Park Board crews worked diligently to restore public access to key areas in the park.

On January 15, 2007, Park Board approved the preparation of a restoration plan for Stanley Park, to be initiated immediately and completed later this year.

DISCUSSION

The attached report (Appendix A), which will be considered by City Council during the week of January 29th, discusses the costs and funding of restoration work in Stanley Park. Restoration work will take years and is estimated to cost about \$9 million. About half of the estimated cost has already been received from private and corporate donors (\$2.6 million to date) and the Federal Government (\$2 million). An additional \$4 million in funding is being sought: \$2 million from the City of Vancouver and \$2 million from the Provincial Government.

SUMMARY

Stanley Park, one of Vancouver's cherished landmarks, has been significantly damaged by recent windstorms. The recommendations, if approved by the Park Board and City Council, will set up a financial framework so that restoration work in Stanley Park can proceed in a timely and effective manner.

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