

Date: January 23, 2007



**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Stanley Park Restoration:  
City, Provincial and Federal Funding**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*THAT the Board request Council:*

- A. Allocate \$2 million in City funding to assist with restoration work in Stanley Park.*
- B. Endorse the submission of an application by the Vancouver Park Board to the Provincial Government's "LocalMotion" program for \$1 million in 2007 and \$1 million in 2008 to assist with restoration work in Stanley Park.*
- C. Accept a donation of \$2 million from the Federal Government to assist with restoration work in Stanley Park.*
- D. Approve the establishment of the Stanley Park Restoration Reserve to hold the City's \$2 million contribution and all grants/donations for the Stanley Park Restoration Project, and that the reserve be an interest bearing account in order to maximize resources in support of the restoration work.*
- E. Delegate authority to the Park Board to approve expenditures from the Stanley Park Restoration Reserve, subject to an annual report back to Council on the progress of the restoration plan and financial position of the Reserve.*

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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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