

Date: May 31, 2007



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Marpole Oakridge Community Centre Renovations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board accept the donation of \$200,000 from the Marpole Oakridge Community Association for interior renovations to the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre as outlined in the staff report, at no cost to the Park Board.

POLICY

The Board approves all major improvements to Park Board facilities. The Board and City Council approve increases to the capital budget.

BACKGROUND

The Community Centre Renewal Plan, adopted by the Board in November 2001, recommended improvements to outmoded and limited program space in the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre.

DISCUSSION

The Marpole Oakridge Community Association proposes to renovate the existing club room and the pottery/craft room, located on the north side of the main floor opposite the gymnasium. These rooms require additional sound isolation from the auditorium above. The dedicated pottery space is currently underutilized due to minimal demand and the rooms require an upgrade to create suitable program spaces. The renovation will convert the space into two rooms better suited to serve programming needs: a 1,000sf multipurpose room and 500sf gathering room with a sink and a refrigerator. The existing Youth lounge will have direct access to the new multipurpose room through a set of connecting doors. The gathering room will serve as an extension of the Centers' small lobby and snack bar areas and provide additional space for preschool programs, as well as seniors and youth activities. It will provide a space where patrons can socialize and relax.

Also being proposed for renovation is the child-minding room located on the main floor at the east end of the building. The child-minding room will be subdivided to provide two music rooms to accommodate the high demand for music programs expressed by the local community and a smaller multipurpose space.

A copy of the floor plan for the renovations is attached for reference.

A building committee has been formed comprised of Association members and Park Board staff. The building committee has been working together for the past few months to complete the design for the renovations. The design has support from the Building Committee and the Community Association. Staff are recommending that the project be approved and that the donation be accepted.

The Marpole-Oakridge Community 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 \$100,000 to the project for a total project budget of \$200,000.

There are no implications on operating costs for the Association or the Park Board, as the renovation does not add floor space. The current programming team will be responsible for planning programs and activities in the new spaces.

SUMMARY

Approval of the project and acceptance of the donation will allow the project to proceed to completion. The renovations are expected to be complete by the fall of 2007.

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