

Date: June 20, 2007



**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Council Report:**  
**2006 - 2007 Capital Plan Priorities**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*THAT the Board endorse the recommendations of the attached Council Report, which proposes funding strategies for Trillium park site development and for the Expo Deck replacement in Creekside Park.*

## POLICY

There is no policy directly applicable to this report.

## BACKGROUND

The Park Board's 2007 Capital Budget submission to Council included a request for \$4,500,000 of City-Wide Development Cost Levies (DCL), beyond the allocation previously approved in the 2006 – 2008 Capital Plan, for the development of the "Trillium" park site. This request for additional DCL funds was not supported by the City Manager, who proposed deferral of a decision on the Trillium project pending its assessment in relation to two other priority projects not fully funded in the Capital Plan: (1) replacement of the Expo Deck in Creekside Park near Science World, and (2) replacement of the City Dog Pound facility.

Council approved in principle the development of synthetic turf playing fields at Trillium Park, and directed the City Manager to develop and report back on a funding strategy for Trillium and for the other priority projects noted above.

## DISCUSSION

The attached report outlines the funding strategy the City Manager has developed for the Trillium site development and for the replacement of the Expo Deck and the City Dog Pound facility. The report affects Park Board concerns as summarized below:

### **Trillium Park Site**

The report recommends Council approval of the release of City-Wide DCL funds to develop the site, as proposed in the Park Board 2007 Capital Budget submission. As well, Trillium park site is no longer under consideration as a location for the new Animal

Shelter to replace the existing City Pound building near Strathcona Park. Upon approval, preloading of the field areas (required for approximately one year in order to stabilize the ground for turf installation) can proceed. Public consultation on the park program for the approximately 2.5 acre balance of the site will be undertaken in the Fall.

### **Park Site at 400 Industrial Avenue**

The site now proposed for the new City Animal Shelter is a City-owned property towards the south edge of the False Creek flats. This property was purchased in 2001 to initiate a park assembly and to accommodate a new north/south road, with a section left for civic purposes unspecified at the time. The Animal Shelter can be build on the section west of the future road allowance, with land for park remaining to the east as originally proposed.

### **Expo Deck Replacement**

The attached report proposes that Phase I replacement of the Expo Deck be completed in advance of 2010, at an estimated cost of \$26,000,000, with the project to be the joint responsibility of Engineering Services and the Park Board in terms of planning and funding. The Parks portion of the first phase costs are proposed to be derived as follows:

City-wide Park DCL	\$7.0 million
South East False Creek (SEFC) Area Specific Park DCL	\$2.4 million

The need to commit park DCL funds for the replacement of the Expo Deck was not previously anticipated, and to the extent that these funds are used for this project there will be a corresponding reduction in capacity to acquire and develop new park land in relation to City population growth.

## **SUMMARY**

This report considers the implications for Park Board of recommendations before Council with respect to funding of Trillium park site development, the replacement of the Expo deck at Creekside Park and the location of a new Animal Shelter for the City. The Board is asked to endorse these recommendations so that these important projects can all proceed.

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