

April 23, 1997

SUBJECT: BROCK HOUSE FIRE SPRINKLERS INSTALLATION

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the allocation of up to \$32,400 from the 1996 capital budget, representing one-third of the cost to install fire sprinklers and related work in Brock House.

BACKGROUND

Early in 1996 the Brock House Society submitted a request to include an item in the next Capital Plan for the allocation of one third of the cost of installing a sprinkler system in Brock House. The Society's proposal was for the Society to pay one third, the Brock House Restaurant one third, and the Park Board one third. The preliminary estimate at the time was \$60,000, with the Board's share to be \$20,000.

DISCUSSION

Staff felt this was a worthwhile project, and one that at \$20,000 could perhaps be handled within existing capital funding. The Society was requested to produce preliminary design plans, a project estimate, and a funding proposal. These were to be submitted to the Board along with a request for funding. The Society subsequently engaged Baker McGarva Hart Architects and J. Poon Associates Mechanical Engineers to design the work.

A budget breakdown and a formal request dated April 9, 1997, as attached, have been received. Brock House Society is requesting the Board to fund up to \$32,400, representing one third of the estimated project cost. If the Society is successful in its request, it will solicit tenders for this work, which is planned to be done during the coming summer months.

Brock House is a municipally designated heritage building, and as such possesses value beyond its replacement cost. Danger of fire is exacerbated by the presence of the restaurant, and potential for injury is high, due to the use of the building as a seniors recreation centre. Staff therefore recommend that the Board participate in this worthwhile initiative by sharing one third of the project costs, up to a maximum of \$32,400. Funding is available in the 1996 General Facility Development account.

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