



Date: September 1, 1998

**TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: SHELDON KENNEDY'S CROSS CANADA IN LINE SKATE**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Park Board approve a partial or full road closure in Stanley Park, on the East side, for the Sheldon Kennedy's Cross Canada In Line Skate, Vancouver Welcome planned for mid October 1998 with arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

## **POLICY**

**Full or partial road closures, in Stanley Park, only one per month allowed, must be approved by the Board.**

## **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Sheldon Kennedy Cross Canada In Line Skate is to raise funds to build and operate a ranch in British Columbia for sex abuse victims, as well to bring about greater awareness and to foster public education around sexual abuse.

Sheldon announced his plans for this campaign in May 1998 at the Joint British Columbia Parks and Recreation Association and Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Conference and both the organizations have endorsed his efforts.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Sheldon Kennedy Cross Canada In Line Skate - Vancouver Welcome Group are proposing that Mr. Kennedy would end his Cross Canada tour by joining other in-line skaters in a skate through Stanley Park.

The Vancouver Welcome group, which includes Commissioner McDiarmid and four Park Board staff, are working in conjunction with the event organizers to ensure that Vancouver is a significant part of his skate.

It is estimated that, with proper promotion and organization, anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 in-line skaters could join Sheldon for this skate through Stanley Park. The Welcome Group will be working with the FEST Committee to determine the route through Vancouver and Stanley Park, as well as some of the logistics of such an event. No other events requiring closures have been permitted during October.

## **CONCLUSION**

Specific times, dates and the actual program has yet to be determined. The estimated time of arrival of Mr. Kennedy's team in Vancouver is Monday, October 12, 1998.

The proposed assembly location and actual route has not been set, but will most likely be on the east side of the park.

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