

Date: December 1, 1999

**SUBJECT: HASTINGS PARK YEAR 2000 FUNDING  
RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Board endorse Recommendation A in the attached City Council report.**

**POLICY**

Board approves capital budgets.

**BACKGROUND**

The attached City Council report on funding is largely self explanatory. Approval of funding will enable the project to proceed expeditiously.

**DISCUSSION**

The development of the Renfrew Street Area is consistent with the Hastings Park Restoration Plan, which was approved in 1997 by the Board and City Council.

An initiative spearheaded by Commissioner DeGenova has resulted in the Italian Canadian community becoming involved in a significant fund-raising campaign. The intent is to raise in the order of \$500,000.

The design, but not the program for the Renfrew area has been amended slightly to give the area an Italian flavor. The area is to be known as Il Giardino Italiano. It is both consistent with the long term restoration plan and the provisions of the City/PNE Operating Agreement which Council, the PNE and the Board agreed to in 1999. Staff have largely resolved the matter of Fair time use of the Renfrew area with the PNE.

The landscape architect will be at the Board meeting to provide a presentation of the plans (see also Appendix 1). Construction is anticipated to start early in 2000.

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