



Date: July 30, 2003

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Application for Infrastructure Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board submit to Council the projects outlined in this report for possible funding under the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program.**
- B. THAT the Board endorse the proposal by Millenium Sport Facility Society for possible funding under the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program, with the understanding that this endorsement entails no additional funding commitments to this project by the Park Board.**

POLICY

Although there is no applicable policy, the Park Board has cost-shared a number of capital projects in the past, including cost-sharing under previous rounds of the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program.

BACKGROUND

The most recent round of the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program was launched January 19, 2001. The cost-sharing program may lead to the Federal, Provincial and local governments investing about \$800 million (\$268 million each) in new and renewed infrastructure over the next five years.

The program's first priority is green, local government infrastructure projects (75% of funds will be allocated for this type of project). The objective for these projects is to enhance the quality of the environment, with improvements to water and waste-water systems or to the energy efficiency of buildings. Other program priorities include investments in cultural and recreational facilities, infrastructure supporting tourism, rural and remote telecommunications, high-speed Internet access for local public institutions, local transportation and affordable housing.

Projects that are already under construction or completed are not eligible. The Program will have several phases, and the deadline for applying for the first phase is **March 15**. Additional information about the Infrastructure Program is attached as Appendix A.

DISCUSSION

The following projects, which fit within the program criteria, have been proposed by staff for the first phase of the Infrastructure Program:

1. Stanley Park Water Infrastructure Renewal

The water system in Stanley Park is old and many of the pipes are in need of replacement. A sign of the aging infrastructure was the announcement of a one-week-long “drinking advisory” in the summer of 2000, after a test discovered a low-level fecal coliform count in the water system. This project would see the replacement of the majority of the water system in Stanley Park and be coordinated by the City’s Engineering Services.

City contribution:	\$2,500,000
Provincial contribution:	\$2,500,000
Federal contribution:	\$2,500,000
Project cost:	\$7,500,000

2. Mount Pleasant Community Centre Reconstruction

The community centre is old and renovation options have been ruled out due to high costs and resulting sub-standard programmable space. As a result, reconstruction of the community centre has been put forward as the best option. The new building will be designed in such a way that it will become the most energy efficient community centre in the system.

Park Board contribution:	\$4,750,000
Provincial contribution:	\$875,000
Federal contribution:	\$875,000
Project cost:	\$6,500,000

3. False Creek Community Centre Expansion

The community centre is located on Granville Island and is in need of additional recreational space. It is one of the few community centres without a gymnasium, and therefore this proposal includes the construction of a gymnasium. In addition, there will be an expanded fitness centre, offices and lobby. Some funding will come from the Community Centre Association and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (the Crown Corporation responsible for Granville Island).

CC Association contribution:	\$150,000
CMHC contribution:	\$115,000
Park Board contribution:	\$475,000
Provincial contribution:	\$280,000
Federal contribution:	\$280,000
Project cost:	\$1,300,000

4. Champlain Heights Community Centre Expansion

The community centre is in need of additional space to accommodate a wide range of uses: a childcare room, a youth room, a seniors room, a multi-purpose room, and a community policing centre. Some funding will come from development fees (called “community amenity contributions” and “development cost levies”) collected by the City from nearby developments.

CAC & DCL contribution:	\$930,000
Park Board contribution:	\$130,000
Provincial contribution:	\$120,000
Federal contribution:	\$120,000
Project cost:	\$1,300,000

5. Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation

The community centre’s central lobby and reception area are not properly designed to meet the needs of both community centre patrons and pool patrons. The proposed renovations are aimed at making the lobby and reception area more functional and welcoming. Some funding will come from the Community Centre Association.

CC Association contribution:	\$175,000
Park Board contribution:	\$160,000
Provincial contribution:	\$82,500
Federal contribution:	\$82,500
Project cost:	\$500,000

TOTAL:

Park Board contribution:	\$5,515,000
City contribution:	\$2,500,000
Provincial contribution:	\$3,857,500
Federal contribution:	\$3,857,500
Other contributions:	\$1,370,000
Cost of the projects:	\$17,100,000

Millennium Sport Facility

Staff are recommending that the Board endorse the application by the Millennium Sport Facility Society for the construction of the Millennium Sport Facility in Nat Bailey Stadium Park. The new facility would house the Phoenix Gymnastics Club and the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club, both of whom are in need of new facilities. An agreement has been signed with the Society, with the Park Board leasing the land at a nominal rate and the Society responsible for all costs associated with construction of the facility. The relocation of the lawn bowling facility will permit the expansion of Grimmett Park (located along 19th Avenue between Main and Quebec Streets), which will yield extra green space in a park-deficient neighbourhood.

Staff will update the Board periodically on the status of the application and future phases of the Infrastructure Program. Projects being contemplated for future phases of the Infrastructure Program include the expansion of the biofiltration pond at Hastings Park and the rebuilding of Renfrew Community Centre and Indoor Pool.

SUMMARY

The Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Program is an opportunity for the Park Board to participate in the renewal and upgrading of our capital assets. Five projects are submitted for the first phase of the program. Additional projects will be brought forward for the Board's consideration as the future phases of the Program unfold.

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