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**TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation**

**SUBJECT: CELEBRATION OF LIGHT FIREWORKS FESTIVAL**

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## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Board receive the attached Council Report as information.**

## BACKGROUND

When the Benson and Hedges Symphony of Fire operated in the past, all costs incurred by the Park Board related to the event were billed to the event sponsor. The same applied to the City departments involved in the event.

## DISCUSSION

With the demise of the Symphony of Fire, the City has arranged for a replacement event and related sponsorship. However, it is having to absorb most of the costs that were paid for by the sponsors of the past event.

The Board, which plays a major role in the event, will absorb \$8,400 of previously billed costs through redeployment of regular work shifts among sanitation, horticultural, beach cleaning and ranger staffs.

Some aspects of the event create additional real costs to the Board - fencing rentals, security guards, unavoidable overtime shifts - this will be covered by Council and is the subject of the attached report.

In addition, the Board previously earned \$10,000 per year from commissions that came from event vendors. As the profits are now going to the event organizers and this revenue was accounted for in our global budget, Council will make up this transfer of revenue away from the Board.

## **SUMMARY**

Recreating this major free public event has been a significant effort by the City, and the Board will share in making the event a success.

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