



Date: May 15, 2002

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: Lions Gate Bridge - Designation as a Site of National
Historic Significance**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board support the designation of Lions Gate Bridge as a site of national historic significance.

Policy

There is no applicable policy.

Discussion

Parks Canada has informed the Park Board (see attached) of an application by the West Vancouver Historical Society to designate Lions Gate Bridge as a site of national historical significance.

According to Parks Canada, such a designation is symbolic and does not carry with it any encumbrance, limitation or regulation regarding preservation or presentation but instead is meant to simply recognize those values of national significance that help tell the story of Canada.

Lions Gate Bridge is already on the heritage register of the City of Vancouver. In addition, the above application has been supported by the Ministry of Transportation, by the District of West Vancouver, by the Vancouver Heritage Commission and others.

Park Board staff note that such a designation recognizes the bridge's historic significance as the longest suspension span of its day in the British Empire and its regional landmark status. Given the near completion of the bridge re-construction, designation as a national historic site is timely.

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