



Date: June 19, 2002

**TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Little Mountain Reservoir Seismic Upgrade Project -  
Memorandum of Understanding**

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) in accordance with the terms as outlined in this report.**

## POLICY

Queen Elizabeth Park is a permanent park under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

## BACKGROUND

The Park Board has been updated on the planning progress for re-construction of the Little Mountain Reservoir in Queen Elizabeth Park several times over the last couple of years, lastly on May 6, 2002, when the Board granted a temporary license for the purpose of construction of water infrastructure, subject to agreement on a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD).

## DISCUSSION

This report seeks the authority for the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding which outlines some rights and responsibilities of the Park Board and the GVWD during and after re-construction of reservoir and other waterworks. A draft Memorandum of Understanding is being negotiated with the GVWD that includes the following terms:

- the Park Board agrees to a statutory right-of-way for the new pipeline;
- the GVWD agrees to design, fund and build the roof with sufficient strength to allow the planned use including pavilions, fountains, landscaping and parking (cars and buses);
- the GVWD agrees to the proposed use of the rooftop per the Park Board's concept plan, subject to a number of operational requirements;
- the Park Board agrees to contribute park restoration and other services at a value not to

- exceed \$500,000 with funding from the Capital Plan;
- the GVWD agrees to minimizing damage to the park and interruptions to park activities, and to make good on any damage caused;
- the Vancouver Park Board agrees to provide 50 parking spots for construction workers free of charge;
- the GVWD agrees to a communications strategy that includes providing information to the public on the project both on site and on the GVRD's website, and to promptly and comprehensively respond to any project-related issues raised by the public.

The execution of this Memorandum of Understanding permits the Reservoir reconstruction project to proceed on terms mutually acceptable to the Board and the GVRD.

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