



Date: September 6, 2002

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: AIDS Memorial

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the construction of the full 60 foot of the AIDS memorial.

POLICY

The Board has a policy for the review of donations of Public Art and Memorials.

BACKGROUND

The proposal to locate an AIDS memorial in Stanley Park first came to the Board in November 1996. The memorial was to include names of those who had died of AIDS in British Columbia and was to take the form of a standing ribbon of steel with the names laser-cut through and with an inscription of a poem by philosopher/poet, George Santayana along the top. An illustration of the work is available for viewing on the memorial web-site at www.aidsmemorial.ca

On June 22nd, 1998, the Board approved the installation of an AIDS memorial for Sunset Beach Park at the foot of Broughton. At this time a number of conditions were imposed, one of which stated that “the length of the memorial shall not exceed 30 feet at the outset and may, with future Board approval, be extended to 60 feet. The Society is encouraged to maintain the scale of the memorial below the stated maximum”.

The Board received an information report in January, 2002 which included an update on the AIDS Memorial Society’s “acceptance of names” policy as well as the development of the long term ownership and maintenance agreement.

DISCUSSION

The AIDS Memorial is scheduled to be installed by mid-October with construction starting at the end of September. The AIDS Memorial Committee has advised the Board that the number of names they have collected for the memorial is sufficient to require the installation of the full 60 feet immediately. Originally, it was believed that the initial installation would only require 30 feet but due to the extended period of time between the project's approval and installation, the memorial requires the full 60 feet. As per the Board's 1998 recommendation, the extension of the memorial up to 60 feet requires Board approval. All other conditions imposed at the time of Park Board approval have been met.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend installing the full 60 foot length of the AIDS Memorial. Installing the memorial at its full length would enable the landscaping to be completed at this time and prevent further disruption to the site.

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