



Date: April 20, 2004

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: 2004 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (A) **THAT the 2004 Capital budget of \$20,353,000, including the advance approved projects and the cost escalation transfers approved by the Board and by Council, be approved, with sources of funding being \$13,066,000 from 2003 - 2005 Basic Capital, \$557,000 from prior year capital transfer, \$4,480,000 from City-Wide Development Cost Levy, \$1,250,000 from Bayshore Development and \$1,000,000 from City Matching Funds for Sunset Community Centre renewal.**
- (B) **THAT the Board acknowledge contributions by partner Associations totaling \$487,850 towards Park Board capital projects.**

POLICY

The Board's annual Capital expenditure requires Council approval. Within the approved envelope the Board sets budget priorities, consistent with program objectives outlined in the Capital Plan plebiscite question and agreements with external agencies.

BACKGROUND

The 2003 - 2005 Park Board Capital Plan totals \$45,500,000, plus \$240,000 for debenture costs, derived from the following funding sources:

C	Electorate-approved borrowing authority (including debenture costs):	\$18,690,000
C	Capital from operating revenue:	\$7,500,000
C	City Wide Development Cost Levy for park acquisition and development:	\$9,200,000
C	SE False Creek Development for Mt. Pleasant Community Centre renewal:	\$2,000,000
C	HEI Lease 2003 - 2005 for Hastings Park restoration:	\$1,350,000
C	Waterworks Capital for QE Park Reservoir Roof Deck Plaza:	\$2,000,000
C	Bayshore Development funds for Stanley Park Seawall upgrading	\$2,000,000
C	Matching Funds for Sunset Community Centre renewal (contingent upon receipt of senior government funding):	\$3,000,000

The Board and Council previously approved allocation of \$2,030,000 towards current Capital projects, in advance of the 2004 Park Board Capital Budget.

At its meeting of April 19, 2004, the Board approved a Cost Escalation strategy, involving transfers of previous and current Capital Plan allocations and additional funding of \$680,000, in order to meet sharply rising construction costs on two major projects. These approved changes are reflected in Appendix A.

DISCUSSION

This report reviews the highlights of the 2003 Park Board capital program for the Board's information, and outlines a proposed 2004 Capital Budget for Board approval. The effect of the cost escalation measures on the 2004 Budget is presented for the Board's information. This report also recognizes and seeks approval for inclusion in the Capital Budget of contributions made by three community centre associations to capital projects at their respective facilities. All relevant figures with respect to this report can be found in the spreadsheet attached to this report as "Appendix A."

The approved 2003 Capital Budget is shown in column E of the appended spreadsheet. These allocations enabled the following significant park and facility capital projects to be undertaken:

- C Development of a new multipurpose room at the West End Community Centre from space previously leased as a restaurant.
- C Design of the new Community Aquatic facility at Killarney and start of construction of the upgraded Renfrew Pool.
- C Acquisition of property to complete the development of McGill Park.
- C Resurfacing of the Stanley Park pay tennis courts.
- C Upgrades to Sunrise, Kensington and Charleson Park grass playing fields.
- C Playground upgrades at Portside, Kerrisdale and Delamont Parks.
- C Neighbourhood park enhancement at Victory Square and Strathcona Parks.
- C Design of the new plaza on the restored reservoir roof at Queen Elizabeth Park.
- C Seawall repairs to reinforce the balustrade at the Coal Harbour entrance to Stanley Park.
- C Park Drive resurfacing at the English Bay entrance to Stanley Park.
- C Upgrading of Stanley Park sewer and water supply systems.

The Capital Plan expenditure allocated in 2003 was augmented by \$600,000 in contributions to specific projects made by partner organizations to the Board. The West End Community Association contributed \$180,000 towards the creation of the new multipurpose room at the Centre. The Renfrew Community Centre Association committed \$390,000 towards the rebuild of Renfrew Pool. The Meraloma Club matched the \$30,000 allocation of the Park Board to enable a fire suppression system to be installed in Connaught Park Fieldhouse. These funds were included in the 2003 Capital Budget as approved by Council and the Board.

The proposed capital budget for 2004 is outlined in Column 'F' in Appendix 'A'. Column 'G' sums up the adjustments and additions in the Cost Escalation Report approved by the Board at its last meeting. The impact of the Cost Escalation measures is factored into the 2004 Capital budget in Column 'H.' The net gain to the Capital Budget is \$680,000, representing supplementary City-wide DCL funds approved by Council in the context of the Cost Escalation Report.

Highlights of the proposed capital allocations for 2004 are as follows:

- C The funding for the Sunset Community Centre rebuild will enable design development to proceed up to and including construction drawings. City funding of \$3,000,000 was committed in 2002, contingent upon receipt of matching capital from senior governments to this project. A funding award of \$4,000,000 from the Canada British Columbia Infrastructure Program was announced in October of last year.

- C Approval to release the remaining allocation for Killarney Pool is sought in this year so that construction tender can proceed on a timely basis. With added Cost Escalation funds of \$825,000, the project budget increases to \$9,725,000.
- C The proposed allocations for facility painting for 2004 and 2005 have been adjusted in accordance with the transfer of funds from this account to the Renfrew Pool upgrade, approved by the Board in November 2003.
- C Funding for two synthetic turf field developments is proposed for the current year in anticipation of finalized site selection in the near future.
- C Neighbourhood park enhancement projects planned for the current year include an upgrade of Kingcrest Park, a second phase of Victory Square upgrading, and completion of a revised Master Plan for Everett Crowley Park.
- C Remaining asphalt resurfacing Capital Plan funds are proposed for allocation in the current year to address major road repairs in Queen Elizabeth Park and Stanley Park and the asphalt replacement of the tennis courts at McBride.
- C The Queen Elizabeth reservoir deck plaza project budget increases to \$3,950,000 as a result of cost escalation funding of \$550,000.
- C Seawall upgrading received advance approval from both Board and Council, to enable foundation stabilization and path separation in the section between Lions' Gate Bridge and Second Beach.

In 2004, as in preceding years, some capital projects have benefitted from contributions from Association partners. The details of contributions are outlined in Column 'I' in Appendix 'A' and summarized in the following table:

Project	Contribution	Source
Kits CC Lobby and Dance Room Renovations	\$138,350	Kitsilano Association
Renfrew Pool	\$102,500	Renfrew Association
False Creek CC expansion and windows replacement	\$247,000	False Creek Association
Total:	\$487,850	

The remaining column, Column 'J' in Appendix 'A,' identifies the capital funds remaining for allocation in 2005. The allocations shown for 2005 will be the basis of the Capital Budget reports to Board and Council next year, and are included at this time for information only.

SUMMARY

Information on the year end status of the 2003 Capital Budget is provided for information, and the Board is asked to approve the 2004 Capital Budget, including Capital Plan funds and partner contributions, as outlined in this report.

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