



Date: November 17, 2004

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Final Report

RECOMMENDATION

- A. *THAT the Board receive the Final Report from the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force for information;*
- B. *THAT the Board refer the subject report to the Park Board Culture and Recreation Committee for consideration and that the report be the subject of a Committee meeting early in 2005;*
- C. *THAT the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force be congratulated and thanked for their outstanding work in concluding their mandate.*

POLICY

There is no Board policy directly related to this matter.

BACKGROUND

The Joint Operating Agreement Task Force was established in 2001. It was initiated by the Community Associations and supported by Park Board. The Task Force was endorsed and funded by the majority of Community Associations and the Park Board endorsed and approved funding on a cost-shared basis at their meeting of July 22, 2002. The Task Force has produced two progress reports, a discussion paper, hosted a number of consultations sessions, published all proceedings on a web site and regularly participated in meetings with stakeholders over a three year period. The work of the Task Force has been before the Culture and Recreation Committee on several occasions to provide formal updates and engage in dialogue with the Park Board, most recently at the meetings of April 7 and June 9, 2004.

DISCUSSION

The Task Force has provided notification to the Associations and the Park Board that their final report will be available for distribution on November 29th. The Task Force has indicated that their intention is to distribute the report simultaneously to both the Park Board and each of the Community Associations at the regular meeting of the Park Board on November 29th when the report will be formally tabled and distributed to those present. Further distribution will follow by mail and electronically. Discussion and consideration of the report is, therefore, recommended to be referred to the Culture and Recreation Committee to allow for a comprehensive review of the contents of the report. It is further recommended that the report be scheduled for a Committee meeting early in the New Year.

The Task Force has demonstrated tremendous focus and commitment in processing a complex piece of work. Throughout their process, their thoughtful, objective and respectful approach has been evident and keen interest has been expressed in their work from a variety of stakeholders. The following Task Force members of both staff and volunteers are deserving of recognition for their achievements and for concluding the work:

Lori MacKay, Gordon Plottel, Co-Chairs

Ingrid Alderson, Daisy Chin, Lorraine Chow, Warren Coughlan, Himmat Gill, Anita Ho, Yvonne Howe, Diane Murphy, Dan Tidball, Terry Walton

SUMMARY

The Joint Operating Agreement Task Force will be distributing its final report at the Park Board meeting on November 29th to both the Park Board and the Community Associations. The Board can receive the report for information at that time and refer it to Committee early in the new year for consideration. As the report concludes the work of the Task Force, the Task Force is to be acknowledged for their work over a three year period.

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