



Date: March 31, 2005

TO: Board Members – Parks and Recreation

FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: 2005 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. THAT the 2005 Capital budget of \$12,905,000, be approved, with sources of funding being \$5,355,000 from Basic Capital, \$4,200,000 from City-Wide Development Cost Levy; \$1,350,000 from HEI lease for Hastings Park; and grant matched by \$2,000,000 from City Funds for Sunset Community Centre replacement.*
- B. THAT the Board approve the inclusion into the 2005 Capital Budget of a grant of \$4,000,000 from the Federal Provincial Infrastructure Program for Sunset Community Centre replacement, and contributions by partner organizations for various projects totalling \$1,245,000 as detailed in this report.*

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 totalled \$45,500,000, plus \$240,000 for debenture costs, derived from the following funding sources:

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

In the previous two years of the current Capital Plan cycle, the Board and Council approved:

- \$11,480,000 Capital Budget for 2003
- \$19,115,000 Capital Budget for 2004, and
- Capital cost escalation 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.

DISCUSSION

This report reviews the highlights of the 2004 Park Board capital program for the Board's information, and presents a proposed 2005 Capital Budget for Board approval. Contributions made by partner organizations and external funding sources for various specified capital projects are also recognized and approval is sought for their inclusion in the Capital Budget. The proposed Capital Budget is outlined on a spreadsheet attached to this report as "Appendix A."

Previously approved Capital Budget allocations for 2003 and 2004, factoring in cost escalation and other transfers, are identified in Column F of Appendix A. The 2004 Capital Budget of \$20,353,000, coupled with contributions totalling \$487,850 made by three community centre associations to capital projects at their respective facilities, enabled work to proceed on the following significant park and facility capital projects:

- Completion of construction renewal of the Renfrew Community Pool.
- Expansion and window replacement at False Creek Community Centre.
- Upgrading of the Kitsilano Community Centre lobby and dance room.
- Start of construction of new Community Aquatic facility at Killarney
- Design of the new Sunset Community Centre.
- Completion of Sunrise and Kensington Park grass playing fields upgrades.
- Completion of downtown skateboard plaza.
- Design and tendering of reservoir deck plaza at Queen Elizabeth Park.
- Resurfacing of Lagoon Drive south of the Stanley Park Pitch and Putt course
- Seawall widening and pedestrian/cycle path separation, Third Beach to Prospect Point.
- Completion of Everett Crowley Park Management Plan.
- Kitsilano foreshore reconstruction.
- Upgrades to Kingcrest Park, Strathcona Park (phase II) and Victory Square (phase II)
- Playground upgrades at Beaconsfield, Delamont, Kensington, Kerrisdale and Slocan Parks.

The proposed capital budget for 2005 is outlined in Appendix 'A', Column 'H'. The funds identified for each line item are the remainder amounts allocated in the 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan, with the following exceptions:

- Withdrawal of \$2,000,000 of funding for the new Mount Pleasant Community Centre at #1 Kingsway Project originally allocated from South East False Creek development. Replacement funding will be identified in an upcoming Council Report on the #1 Kingsway Project.

- Temporary transfer of \$233,000 from Malkin Bowl upgrading allocation to Champlain Community Centre addition.
- Re-allocation of \$2,750,000 in City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) funds, originally assigned to Hastings Park Restoration, to:
 - Land Acquisition (\$1,750,000)
 - New Park Design and Development for Osler & 70th park site development (\$275,000), and
 - Neighbourhood Park enhancement projects (\$725,000).

In addition, as in preceding years, some previous year and current capital projects have benefitted from grants from external sources and contributions from partner organizations to the Board. This supplementary funding for inclusion in the 2004 Capital Budget is also itemized in Column F in Appendix 'A' and outlined in the following table:

Project	Contribution	Source
Sunset Community Centre renewal	\$4,000,000	Canada British Columbia Infrastructure Program grant
Renfrew Pool renovations	\$458,000	Renfrew Association (+\$102,500 approved in 2004 for a total 2 year contribution of \$561,000)
False Creek CC envelope improvements	\$247,000	False Creek Association (+\$247,000 approved in 2004 for a total 2 year contribution of \$306,450)
Champlain Heights CC addition	\$80,000	Champlain Heights Community Association
Killarney Pool Replacement	\$450,000	Killarney Community Centre Association
Kitsilano Showboat	\$10,000	Kitsilano Showboat Society
Total:	\$5,245,000	

The total proposed Capital Budget for 2005 is therefore \$12,905,000 plus \$5,245,000 in external contributions, for a total of \$18,150,000. Highlights of the proposed capital investment in parks and recreation services for 2005 are as follows:

- Construction tender for new Sunset Community Centre. A report will first go to Council seeking supplementary funding to achieve a LEED gold standard and deal with cost escalation with this project.
- Construction of #1 Kingsway, including the new Mount Pleasant Community Centre, will proceed with entire funding, including contribution from the Park Board from this and preceding Capital Plans to be identified in an upcoming Council Report.
- Facility major maintenance work, including roof, painting and asbestos abatement projects will continue at community centres, rinks, pools and other Board facilities.
- Land acquisitions for parks currently under negotiation will be funded as required.

- New park at Osler and 70th will be designed and built, with community consultation underway.
- Enhancement projects at China Creek South and Falaise Parks.
- Queen Elizabeth Park reservoir deck plaza construction.
- Upgrading of Adanac Park grass playing field.
- Playground upgrades at Caribou, Charleson, Killarney, Tea Swamp and Trafalgar Parks.
- Jericho foreshore reconstruction and Seawall widening at Coal Harbour.

SUMMARY

Information on the year end status of the 2004 Capital Budget is provided for information, and the Board is asked to approve the 2005 Capital Budget, including partner contributions and City funds, to a total of \$18,150,000.

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