

Date: August 23, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: West End Community Centre – Lobby Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Park Board accept the donation of \$164,500 from the West End Community Centre Association for the project to carry out renovations to the lobbies on both the main and upper floors at the West End Community Centre, at no cost to the Park Board.

POLICY

The Board approves increases of over \$50,000 to the capital budget.

BACKGROUND

The existing Community Centre was constructed in 1973 jointly with the Vancouver School Board. The original project included involvement from the Park Board, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver School Board and West End Community Centre Association. Due to heavy and consistent use, the lobbies are looking both dated and worn and require updating. Exposed concrete walls particularly surrounding the rink, require cleaning and re-sealing; painted walls need repainting. Both the main floor and the second floor lobbies currently have poor lighting and very tired looking acoustical ceiling tiles, and require upgrades and improvements. The Association has offered to donate funding to make the lobbies more efficient and inviting, providing additional storage enclosures and renovating the Youth Office, located on the main floor (formerly the Vancouver Police Department Community Police office). An interior designer, McCutcheon Design Group, was engaged to do a design study which provided costs for the various areas requiring attention.

DISCUSSION

The West End Community Centre Association is eager to proceed with these improvements. Park Board staff have reviewed the proposals and will continue to work with the Association, the consultant and the contractor to ensure that the project is consistent with Board standards of design construction. The McCutcheon Design Group has been selected to work with the Building Committee in preparing the project documents (drawings and specifications), and publicly tendering the required work.

SUMMARY

Approval of the project and acceptance of the donation will allow the project to proceed.

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