

Date: September 21, 2006



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: GetOut! Youth Legacy Program - Evaluation and Next Steps

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board receive GetOut! the Pilot Year 2005/06 Evaluation Report for information;*
- B. THAT the Board approve the GetOut! program principles and objectives, continue to endorse staff participation in the interdepartmental Steering and Technical Committees and seek eternal funding partners as outlined in the attached joint report to Council.*

DISCUSSION

The attached joint report to Council (Appendix A) from the project team of Park Board, Cultural Affairs and Social Planning staff presents the findings of the GetOut! Youth Legacy Program's pilot phase. The report recommends approval to develop future GetOut! opportunities, programs and services. The report will be considered at the Planning and Environment meeting on Thursday Oct. 5, 2006.

Included in this report is the 2005/06 evaluation report titled "GetOut! The Pilot Year 2005/06" which is presented for information to the Park Board and Council. The Pilot Year 2005/06 Evaluation Report provides a detailed description and analysis of the project, research methodology, project impacts and the lessons learned, and consultant recommendations and conclusions. Additional details on pilot projects and activities are available on the GetOut! website at www.heygetout.ca.

During its pilot phases, GetOut! supported over 70 projects, programs and activities, and involved over 3,500 youth – 80% of whom had previously low levels of participation in arts, sport, culture, recreation and community activities.

Park Board played a significant role in a range of GetOut! project areas. Staff were involved on the lead Project Team, with the Advisory Committee or its subcommittees, and as project facilitators with a range of youth groups involved. Seventeen of the Board's 22 community centres were engaged in one or more grants, new recreation programs, Youth Action Teams or in associated research about the project. Two indoor

pools and two ice rinks also collaborated with youth to deliver pilot late-night swimming or skating events for young people. A list of Park Board centres, rinks and pools participating in pilot year grants, programs and Youth Action Teams is included as Appendix B of this report.

Based on the findings from the pilot phase, staff recommend that a future GetOut! program is developed based on the GetOut! program principles, objectives and program structure, and support efforts to secure funding partners. Staff will report back in the context of the 2007 Operating Budget.

SUMMARY

The Get Out! pilot program and its approach has demonstrated an effective method of reaching out to youth who had previously low levels of participation in arts, sport, culture, recreation and community activities. GetOut! has enabled the Park Board to develop new recreation opportunities for young people who have been less active than many of their peers through grants, new recreation programs, Youth Action Teams and associated youth development activities. In this way, the program contributes to increasing physical activity towards our goal of 20% by 2010 and has a positive effect on positive youth development and positive outcomes in youth health and well-being.

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