



Date: June 16, 2010

TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Park Board 2010 Capital Budget, Close out and Status

RECOMMENDATIONS

A. THAT the Board receive the attached City Council report entitled 2010 Capital Budget, Close out and Status, June 13, 2010 for information.

B. THAT the Board approve the 2010 Park Board Capital Budget in the amount of \$79,735,000 with funding to be derived from

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| <i>Capital from Revenue</i> | <i>\$3,861,000</i> |
| <i>Capital from Debenture</i> | <i>\$33,845,000</i> |
| <i>DCL</i> | <i>\$6,675,000</i> |
| <i>CAC</i> | <i>\$1,150,000</i> |
| <i>Other City Funding</i> | <i>\$3,750,000</i> |
| <i>Federal Govt Funding</i> | <i>\$15,533,000</i> |
| <i>External Funding</i> | <i>\$14,921,000</i> |

C. THAT the Board receive for information the Park Board Capital Program Carry forwards from the 2006-08 Capital Plan and 2009 Capital Budget with a remaining balance of \$26,834,163 as detailed in Appendix 2.

D. THAT the Board approve the Park Board Capital Program Close out and reallocations in the amount of \$951,993 as detailed in Appendix 3.

POLICY

The Board approves the Capital Budgets and Plan.

BACKGROUND

The attached City Council report (Attachment A), combines a one year capital budget status report and close outs previously reported separately in a single report. Given the lengthy appendices attached to the Council report we have attached only those which are relevant to the Board's Capital Plan. The entire report is available on the City's website for the June 22, 2010 Council meeting. There are 3 parts to the report.

- (i) 2010 Capital Budget
- (ii) Status Report of Carry Forward projects
- (iii) Close Out of Park Board Capital accounts for completed projects

Between the 2010 Capital Budget (\$79,735,000) and the Carry Forwards from previous years (\$27,256,000) the entire Park Board Capital program is \$106,991,000.

DISCUSSION

(i) Parks 2010 Capital Budget \$79,735,000

The 2010 Parks Basic Capital Budget consists of four main Programs: Parks; Park Land Acquisition and New Park Development; Recreation Facilities; and Street Tree Planting. These Programs are summarized in the following sections.

The recommended 2010 Parks Basic Capital Budget is \$79,735,000. A detailed list of projects is included in Appendix 1 of this report.

Parks \$23,693,000 (Capital Plan Reference P)

The goals of the Parks programs are to ensure the safety of park visitors, maintain the proper functioning of park features, and ensure the park system (more than 200 parks) meets the needs of the community. Major tasks include the repairing, upgrading, and enhancements of existing parks and facilities within these parks, such as walking and cycling paths, children's playgrounds, sport fields, sport courts, and the seawall.

In addition to the City funding of \$15,011,000 Parks has also received and allocated \$8,682,000 in external funding toward this program, including \$8,033,000 in Federal government grants from two programs: the Infrastructure Stimulus Program (\$6,033,000) and the Recreational Infrastructure Program (\$2,000,000).

Projects receiving Federal funding are:

- Park Renewals: Fraserview, Grandview and Norquay;

- Synthetic Turf Playfields and one running track;
- English Bay Seawall Structural Repairs;
- Stanley Park Road Repaving;
- Queen Elizabeth Park Road Repaving;
- Stanley Park Sewer Pump Station Upgrades;
- Stanley Park Seawall / Brockton Point Lighthouse Rehabilitation;
- Park Lighting Infrastructure / Fieldhouses.

Additional projects planned for 2010 include:

- Improving grass playing fields at Moberly Park;
- Replacing and upgrading the children's playground at Kitsilano Park to become a Universally Accessible playground;
- Preparing a redevelopment plan for Burrard Marina;
- Installing upgraded electrical services in Stanley Park.

Park Land Acquisition & New Park Development
(Capital Plan Reference Q)

\$0

The goal of the Park Land Acquisition program is to increase the supply of parks (currently about 1,300 hectares) to meet the needs of a growing population (Vancouver's population is anticipated to grow by about 100,000 people over the next 20 years). Major tasks include the purchase of land and subsequent construction of the new park areas. Since there are carry-forward available funds no new funding is included in the 2010 Capital Budget.

Recreation Facilities
(Capital Plan Reference R)

\$54,042,000

The goals of the Recreation Facilities program are to ensure the safety of patrons and workers, maintain the proper functioning of buildings, and ensure the recreation facility system (more than 200 buildings) meets the needs of a diverse and growing population. Major tasks include the repairing, upgrading, expansion and/or replacement of community centres, swimming pools, ice rinks, field houses, and other recreation facilities.

In addition to the City funding of \$28,520,000, Parks has also received and allocated \$25,522,000 in external funding toward this program, including \$7,500,000 in Federal government grants from the Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

Projects receiving Federal funding are:

- VanDusen Botanical Garden: New Visitor Centre;
- Stanley Park: Malkin Bowl Performance Centre Upgrade;
- Roundhouse Community Centre: Turntable Plaza Rehabilitation;
- Stanley Park: Pavilion and Fieldhouse Upgrades.

Other major projects planned for 2010 include:

- Post-Olympic conversion of the Vancouver Olympic/Paralympic Centre at Hillcrest Park into Riley Park Community Centre, Riley Park Ice Rink, Vancouver Curling Club and Riley Park Library;
- Renewal of Trout Lake Community Centre;
- Expansion of visitor centre and washrooms at Totem Pole site

Street Tree Planting Program **\$350,000**
(Capital Plan Reference S)

The goal of the Street Tree Planting program is to increase the number of trees along streets throughout the City to about 155,000 trees (currently there are about 135,000, up from about 90,000 in 1989). Major tasks include the purchase of trees and the planting of trees. About 1100 to 1150 trees are expected to be planted in 2010.

Overhead **\$1,650,000**
(Capital Plan Reference ‘Overhead Charges’)

Parks Overhead consists of costs for Planning and Development staff (e.g., Project Managers) as well as General Administration costs which are directly attributable to Parks Capital programs/projects and as such are fully recoverable from Capital.

As noted in the detail submissions, overhead is allocated to specific programs/projects such that gross budgets and actuals form the basis for budget monitoring and asset capitalization.

Approval in Advance

The following Parks programs received approval of funding in advance of the 2010 Basic Capital Budget:

- Advance Approval of Capital Expenditure (RTS 8505):
 - Riley Park Community Centre and Ice Rink \$11,350,000

 - Advance Approval of Capital Expenditure (RTS 8492):
 - Infrastructure Stimulus Funds projects \$36,400,000
 - Recreation Infrastructure Canada Fund projects \$9,000,000
 - Trout Lake CC Renewal \$18,750,000
- Total Parks advance funding \$75,500,000

Source of Funds Summary

| | | Table 4.3: Summary - 2010 Budget Requests (\$000's) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ref # | Department | Gross Funding | Operating Funding | Debenture Funding | DCL Funding | CAC Funding | Other City Funding | City Funding | Other Funding |
| | OVERHEAD | \$1,650 | \$800 | \$550 | \$300 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,650 | \$0 |
| P | PARKS | \$23,693 | \$1,124 | \$6,362 | \$6,375 | \$1,150 | \$0 | \$15,011 | \$8,682 |
| Q | PARK LAND ACQUISITION / NEW PARKS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| R | RECREATION FACILITIES | \$54,042 | \$1,587 | \$26,933 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,750 | \$32,270 | \$21,772 |
| S | STREET TREES | \$350 | \$350 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$350 | \$0 |
| TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION | | \$79,735 | \$3,861 | \$33,845 | \$6,675 | \$1,150 | \$3,750 | \$49,281 | \$30,454 |

Note: Totals do not include debenture costs.

Debenture Costs

\$365,000

\$365,000 in Debenture Costs has been allocated to Parks programs/projects.

(ii) Status Report of Carry Forward Projects

As of February 2010, Parks and Recreation has spent \$104.4 million on a total budget of \$131.6 million from the 2006-08 period and 2009 budget. The projected variance for the department as a whole is \$0.2 million. The remaining \$27.3 million will be used to complete major projects including VanDusen Gardens Visitor Centre Renewal, Trillium Park Site development, and Emery Barnes Park.

A detailed list of projects, including major milestones completed and to be completed can be found in Appendix 2 that follows this section.

(iii) Capital Account Close Out

Council authority is required to close out capital accounts with variances exceeding \$50,000 and 15% of the approved budget to reallocate capital funding exceeding \$50,000.

Staff are recommending the close out of \$30,965,000 with a cumulative positive balance of \$952,000.

The \$952,000 is made up of \$850,000 left over from works completed in Hastings Park in 2002 and \$102,000 from a variety of smaller projects. As documented in Appendix 3, a number of projects which came in over budget are offset by those that were under budget.

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of the Board's 2010 Capital budget and Close-outs and recommends to receive for information the Capital Program of Carry Forwards for projects funded in previous years.

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