



May 7, 2025

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Director, Park Planning and Development

SUBJECT : **Main & 7th Park Capital Budget Adjustment – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on a request to Council for an increase of \$1,620,000 to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan and Multi-Year Capital Budget funded through a Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) grant as it relates to the Park Board Capital Project for the Park at Main & 7th. This request was approved on consent by Council on May 6, 2025.

Background

Identified as a key public benefit opportunity in the Mount Pleasant Community Plan, the new 0.1-hectare (1,000sqm) Park at Main Street and 7th Avenue includes an open plaza surrounded by tree and shrub plantings, a rain garden, lighting and shaded seating. The [Park Concept Plan](#) was approved by Park Board on May 29th, 2023. Following Board approval, the design details were modified to include an additional 250sqm of offsite works, incorporating rainwater infrastructure that captures and filters stormwater from the surrounding major intersection, which qualified the project for a Government of Canada NIF grant of \$1,620,000, in collaboration with the Engineering Department

Discussion

The park construction contract was awarded Cedar Crest Lands BC Ltd., for the value of \$2,644,005 with a reduced scope to fit within the approved Capital Multi-Year Capital Budget of \$3,700,000. In addition to the construction contract costs, the capital budget includes all project delivery elements such as site investigations, design and engineering soft costs, and internal costs associated with the project. Construction was initiated in February 2025 and is anticipated to be complete in late 2025.

The NIF grant funding is required now to ensure that the full scope of the project can be delivered and so that the work can be completed within the current construction timeline.

As part of the City's Capital Budget process, City Council considers Capital Budget adjustments quarterly. However, construction is already underway and to ensure completion of the full project scope without costly delays, staff requested Council approve a one-time standalone capital budget adjustment outside of the standing quarterly budget schedule. The funding source of the budget adjustment is the NIF grant.

The request for Council to approve the capital budget adjustment was presented in a report to Council on May 6th, 2025. The report proposed an increase of \$1,620,000 to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan and Multi-Year Capital Project Budget from the receipt of the Natural Infrastructure Fund grant award and was approved by Council on consent.



Next Steps

The additional of the rainwater infrastructure project scope will be managed as a construction contract change order. Construction is ongoing and targeted to complete by the end of 2025.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiina Mack".

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