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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering
SUBJECT: Local Improvement Flat Rates - 2012

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the flat rates shown on the "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2012", on file (Appendix A) in the City Clerk's Office be approved.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report requests Council approval of flat rates to be charged to property owners for their share of local improvement projects certified complete in 2012. These rates will be used for local improvement billing to be sent out in March, 2013.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Policies governing the Local Improvement process are set out in the Vancouver Charter and Local Improvements Procedure By-law.

Section 9.2 of the Local Improvement Procedure By-law provides that, by resolution, Council may establish a flat rate per foot frontage with respect to any two or more projects of a like nature, based on the average cost per foot frontage of such projects, as established by Council.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Engineering Services recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

The flat rates are the average costs (per foot of frontage of adjacent properties) for similar Local Improvement projects constructed in 2012. Flat rates are developed in accordance with the provisions of the Vancouver Charter and the Local Improvement Procedure By-law: they must not exceed by more than 10% the estimated rates approved by Council in the respective Second Step reports for each Court of Revision.

Standard City procedure for Local Improvement projects require flat rates to be derived from all costs associated with each Local Improvement project category (type of improvement). This could include external contract costs, general utility services provided by external agencies, costs for work conducted by City forces and allowances for interest over the construction period.

For 2012 Local Improvement projects, construction costs were lower than anticipated and the proposed flat rates reflect the reduction. Attached to this report is a copy of "List of Projects Certified Complete in 2012" (Appendix "A"). The original is on file and available in the City Clerk's office.

Strategic Analysis / Financial Implications

Approval of this report would allow the City to recover each property owner's share of the total Local Improvement Projects cost of \$73,688.33 by way of the local improvement billing process.

CONCLUSION

This is the final formal step in the Local Improvement process which is done once the projects are complete and that result in the costs being billed to the owners on their next property tax statement. It is recommended that the flat rates be approved allowing recovery for the property owners' share of the project.

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**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CERTIFIED COMPLETE IN 2012
 SUMMARY**

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED P.O. SHARE	ACTUAL P.O. SHARE	INTERIM INTEREST INCLUDED	TEMPEST ADJUSTMENT	BILLING TOTAL
Pavement & Curbs, Local Residential	\$72,039.37	\$64,992.26	\$1,585.18	\$0.17	\$64,992.09
Speed Humps	\$16,153.23	\$8,696.30	\$212.10	\$0.06	\$8,696.24
TOTALS	\$88,192.60	\$73,688.56	\$1,797.28	\$0.23	\$73,688.33

I hereby certify that the parts of the above mentioned projects to be assessed against the rateable real properties benefited thereby are complete.

Certified that the above projects have been completed and were approved by Vancouver City Council on the 26th day of February, 2013.

 General Manager, Engineering Services

 Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk

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LIST OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2012					TYPE: PAVEMENT & CURBS, LOCAL RESIDENTIAL									
Court of Revision Schedule # and Date	Item	Street	Side	Location	Width	Zoning	Length	Estimated P.O. Share Rate	Amount	Coded Reason for Difference in Length	Length	Actual P.O. Share Rate	Amount	Remarks

P&C - LOC RES

October 22, 2009 #630	7	64th Avenue		Hudson Street - Selkirk Street	8.5m x 50mm	R	411.63	\$175.01	\$72,039.37		411.63	\$157.89	\$64,992.26	
TOTAL PAVEMENT AND CURBS - LOCAL RESIDENTIAL							ESTIMATED		\$72,039.37	ACTUAL		\$64,992.26		
INTERIM INTEREST INCLUDED (0.025)												\$1,585.18		

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LIST OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2012										TYPE: SPEED HUMPS				
Court of Revision Schedule # and Date	Item	Street	Side	Location	Width	Zoning	Estimated P.O. Share			Coded Reason for Difference in Length	Actual P.O. Share		Remarks	
							Length	Rate	Amount		Rate	Amount		

SPEED HUMPS

June. 12, 2012 #634 (PET)	1	L/E of Dunbar Street		31st Avenue - 32nd Avenue		R	347.25	\$7.82	\$2,715.50		347.25	\$4.21	\$1,461.92	
	2	L/E of Ormidale Street		L/S of Kingsway - 45th Avenue		R	1718.38	\$7.82	\$13,437.73		1718.38	\$4.21	\$7,234.38	
TOTAL SPEED HUMPS							ESTIMATED				ACTUAL		\$8,696.30	
INTERIM INTEREST INCLUDED (0.025)													\$212.10	