



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager, Vancouver Park Board

SUBJECT: Advance Approval for 2006 Park Board Capital Spending

RECOMMENDATION

THAT capital spending of \$5,730,000 for current projects of a time-sensitive nature, as described in this Report, be approved in advance of Council approval of the 2006 Park Board capital budget, with sources of funding as follows:

- \$735,000 from the voter-approved borrowing authority for parks and recreation facilities,
- \$3,500,000 from the voter-approved borrowing authority for "Community Legacy Projects - City share" ,
- \$105,000 in City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) funds, and
- \$1,390,000 from external sources, including park payment-in-lieu funds from development and grant money, as outlined in this report.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager RECOMMENDS approval of this report.

COUNCIL POLICY

Park Board's annual Capital budget expenditure requires Council approval. Within the approved envelope the Board sets budget priorities consistent with program objectives outlined in the Capital Plan plebiscite question and agreements with external agencies.

SUMMARY

This report outlines Park Board spending requirements of \$5,730,000 in relation to current capital projects, proposed to be derived through borrowing authority approved by the electorate for 2006 - 2008, as well as from external sources. The Park Board requests Council approve this expenditure in advance of its approval of the 2006 Capital Budget, expected later in the Spring.

BACKGROUND

The 2006 - 2008 Park Board Capital Plan approved by Council in October totals \$68,570,000, allocated from the following sources:

Electorate-approved borrowing for parks and recreation capital projects	\$19,070,000
Electorate-approved borrowing for 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games - community legacies	\$35,000,000
City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL)	\$14,500,000

In addition to City funding, the Park Board has identified two other sources of funding:

- \$2,200,000 that has been collected as a park payment-in-lieu from the Bayshore development downtown; and
- \$9,275,000 in external funding from senior governments, non-profit partners and donations.

The two amounts increase the total available for the Park Board's capital program for 2006 - 2008 to \$80,045,000.

Council will consider a report on the proposed 2006 Capital budget for City Departments and Boards later this spring after a final decision on the 2006 Operating budget. In the meantime the Park Board requires funding commitments in connection with the projects outlined in this report, which need to be tendered or otherwise initiated before the annual budget approval is secured.

DISCUSSION

Advance spending approval is sought for the projects outlined in Appendix A for the following reasons:

The practice ice rinks at Killarney and Trout Lake, and the new Percy Norman Pool, are projects associated with the development of amenities for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and subsequent legacies of the Games. There is an extreme urgency to deliver these projects in a timely manner, and a very tight timeframe for doing so. The advance approvals sought will secure the budget for design tendering of the two rinks along with the aquatic centre, and enable the immediate preparation of the Trout Lake Master Plan to confirm the site of the practice rink at that location.

Advance approval is also sought to award a design consultancy for phase I of a facility renewal project at VanDusen Garden, for which a high proportion of funds have been raised by the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association. The external funds secured include a grant of \$2,000,000 received by the City last year from the Canada British Columbia Infrastructure Program, requiring project work to be initiated in 2006.

The remaining items concern park improvements and related works which either (a) need to be initiated promptly to ensure completion before a peak seasonal demand, or (b) need to be designed in readiness for later construction during the summer dry period. Funding sources include electorate-approved borrowing authority for parks and recreation facilities, City-wide DCLs for parks, and park payment lieu funds derived from development.

At its regular meeting of January 16, 2006, the Park Board approved this request to Council for advance spending approval on the projects listed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$5,730,000 of advance approvals requested, amounting to approximately 7.2% of the Park Board capital program for 2006-2008, will enable some project work to commence immediately, and thus distribute staff resources more evenly over the coming three-year period. None of the project work described in this report will have an impact on the 2006 operating budget. More details on the Park Board's 2006 capital work program will be provided in the Park Capital Budget report to be submitted in May 2006.

CONCLUSION

This report outlines spending requirements of \$5,730,000 on capital projects for which the Park Board seeks expenditure approval from Council in advance of approval of the 2006 Capital Budget.

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Project	Amount Request	Funding Source	Capital Plan Reference	2006 - 2008 CP Allocation
Neighbourhood Park Renewal Projects: Site testing and design consultancies:			P-01 Neighbourhood Park Renewal: Park Renewal Projects	\$3,970,000: Funding from: Borrowing Authority (\$870,000) and City-Wide DCL (\$3,100,000). Additional funds from development 'park pay in lieu' (\$200,000)
Victoria Park	\$30,000	Parks & Recreation Borrowing Authority		
China Creek Park	\$30,000			
Nelson Park	\$40,000	External: Park 'pay-in-lieu'		
Oak & 37th Park	\$25,000	City Wide DCL		
Selkirk/72nd Park	\$30,000			
Playground Construction: Project tenders at Foster, George, Rupert and Kitsilano Beach Parks	\$100,000	Parks & Recreation Borrowing Authority	P-02 Playgrounds	\$700,000: Funding from Borrowing Authority (\$100,000); City-Wide DCL (\$600,000)
Seawall widening and pedestrian/cycle path separation, at ramp area east of Lions Gate Bridge	\$500,000	External: Park 'pay-in-lieu'	P-06 Waterfront	\$900,000 from Borrowing Authority. Additional funds from development 'park pay-in-lieu' (\$700,000).
Foreshore erosion control at New Brighton Park	\$250,000	Parks & Recreation Borrowing Authority		
Cliff scaling and stabilization at Prospect Point	\$75,000	Parks & Recreation Borrowing Authority	P-08 Park Infrastructure	\$700,000 from Borrowing Authority. Additional funds from development 'park pay-in-lieu' (\$800,000).
Brockton Point Structural repairs	\$250,000	Parks & Recreation Borrowing Authority		
Road resurfacing: approx. 150 M. section of Park Drive west of Brockton Point	\$250,000	External: Park 'pay-in-lieu'		
Trout Lake Master Plan	\$50,000	City Wide DCL	P-10 Park Planning & Research	\$300,000: Funding from Borrowing Authority (\$50,000); City-Wide DCL (\$250,000);
Design Consultancy: VanDusen Garden Building Renewal Phase 1	\$600,000	External: CBCIP Grant	R-01 Major Facility Renewal/Replacement	\$2,800,000 from Borrowing Authority. Additional funds from CBCIP Grant (\$2,000,000) and partner fundraising (\$3,750,000).

Design Consultancy Killarney Practice Rink	\$800,000	Capital Plan Community Legacy	T-01 Ice Rinks	\$20,000,000: Funding from Legacy Borrowing Authority (\$15,000,000); External Funds (\$5,000,000).
Design Consultancy: Trout Lake Practice Rink	\$800,000	Capital Plan Community Legacy		
Design Consultancy for Percy Norman Pool & related site works	\$1,900,000	Capital Plan Community Legacy	T-03 Community Legacy - Aquatic Centre	\$19,500,000: Funding from Legacy Borrowing Authority
TOTALS	\$735,000	Parks & Recreation Borrowing Authority		
	\$3,500,000	Capital Plan Community Legacy		
	\$105,000	City-wide DCLs		
	\$1,390,000	External Funds		
	\$5,730,000	Total		