

Re: Capital Improvement Program 1974 - 1979

Attached for consideration of Council is the Capital Improvement Program for the years 1974 - 1979 as prepared by the staff Capital Improvement Committee.

Subsequent to its preparation, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed their portion of the program and made the following alterations:

Page 86 - Burnaby Lake Sports Complex - \$51,000.

As a point of information, the estimate on this project is incomplete and likely will run higher. However, sufficient referendum funds are on hand and larger recreational grants may be obtained.

Page 89 - Cariboo Park - enlarge sportsfield - \$10,000.

Shown as being constructed in 1975, moved to 1974 to take advantage of a Community Recreational Facilities Fund grant. This will require a temporary appropriation of \$6,667 from the Parks Minor Development account to pay for the Corporation's share of the cost, with the thought that at the time of the Recast Budget we would reimburse the Minor Development account accordingly.

Page 90 - Bonsor Park - \$31,500.

Shown as being constructed in 1975, moved to 1974 to take advantage of a Community Recreational Facilities Fund grant. Referendum funds are available to pay for the Corporation's share of the cost.

Page 93 - Ernie Winch Park - \$15,000.

Shows construction to be for a "spray bar". The referendum by-law calls for a wading pool. If a spray bar is to be built, an amendment must be made to the by-law. This is being reviewed by staff. (This is not a comment made by the Commission but is made by the Municipal Manager).

Page 103- Burnaby East Indoor Swimming Pool - \$1,500,000, was deleted.

These changes are not yet reflected in the attached Program so it should be amended accordingly.

Hopefully, Council will ultimately adopt the Capital Improvement Program with some feeling of confidence so that we can plan accordingly. This is a continuing document with a good degree of precision built into the works program for 1974 and a lesser degree in each of the following years. The whole purpose of the plan is defeated if it is not adopted as a total plan in one form or another. Really, we are asking for specific approval for the 1974 work and also, for approval of the planning involved in the other years. No major work can proceed without final, specific approval by Council by virtue of acceptance of tenders, passage of loan authorization by-laws, passage of construction by-laws, etc. Further, Council, should realize that we do have an annual review of the Program.

As has happened several times in the past several years, this submission is late. In accordance with Section 199A of the Municipal Act, "on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year Council shall cause to be prepared and adopted by by-law a capital expenditure program for a period of not less than five years." However, there are no penalties in the Act for missing this deadline. Unlike the annual budget, it is unrelated to a taxing by-law.

Section 199A of the Municipal Act reads as follows:

"(1) On or before the 15th day of May in each year the Council shall cause to be prepared and adopted by by-law a capital expenditure program for a period of not less than 5 years, showing estimates of the proposed source and application of funds for capital purposes for each year of the program.

(2) The capital expenditure program adopted under subsection (1), including amendments thereto remains in force and effect until a new capital expenditure program is adopted the following year.

(3) Except with the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities, a capital expenditure program shall not be varied, either by amendment or by the adoption of a new program, with respect to any proposed expenditure for which the Inspector of Municipalities has approved the borrowing of money."

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The 1974 Provisional Capital Improvement Program was presented to Council at the second meeting in 1974 and was adopted by Council. The Program distributed on April 29, 1974 is for the full 6 years and it includes the updated version of the current year.

The problems involved in the delays occurring in the preparation of this document are being closely examined with the view of speeding up the process for future editions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the 1974 portion of the Capital Improvement Program for the years 1974 to 1979 be adopted; and

THAT the balance of the Capital Improvement Program be adopted, subject to it being understood that authorization is given for the planning only of the works involved in the years 1975 to 1979; and

THAT a by-law be brought down to adopt the program as amended; and

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission.