

Item	10
Manager's Report No.	08
Council Meeting	98/03/09

TO : CITY MANAGER DATE: 1998 MARCH 05
FROM : DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
SUBJECT : CENTRAL PARK - DEDICATION OF A BRONZE PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF
DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES
PURPOSE : To provide information to Council on the dedication of a bronze plaque in memory
Diana, Princess of Wales.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1998 March 04, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the five recommendations contained therein.



KATE FRIARS
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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**SUBJECT: CENTRAL PARK - DEDICATION OF A BRONZE PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF
DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Variety Park Playground facility at Central Park not be renamed and in place of the renaming, a bronze memorial plaque be erected in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales at the site of the impromptu public memorial to Diana at the Variety Park Playground.
2. THAT the wording for the memorial plaque proposed in this report be approved.
3. THAT the expenditure of \$2,000 from the 1998 Minor Development Account be approved to purchase and install the bronze plaque and granite base.
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Council for information purposes.
5. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Variety Club of B.C.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1997 September 17, in response to several letters of request, the Commission approved a recommendation to rename the Variety Park Playground facility at Central Park in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales and referred the selection of a name to the Parks Names & Signs Committee.

The Parks Names & Signs Committee met with staff and a representative of the Variety Club of B.C. to discuss the renaming. A number of issues were raised, primary among them the need to replace the many signs throughout the site which have on them the graphic of a circus ring master surrounded by a circular ring in which the name "Variety Park" appears. Given the complication, it was determined that the renaming of the Variety Park Playground facility should be reconsidered.

It was considered appropriate that in place of renaming the playground facility, a bronze memorial plaque be erected at the site of the impromptu public memorial, where citizens of Burnaby and other Cities came to place bouquets of flowers, notes and other mementos on and around the plaque Diana helped unveil on her visit to the site in 1986 to officially open Variety Park.

The proposed plaque would be placed on a rectangular granite base to the left of the 20" by 10" Variety Park Opening Dedication Plaque at the entry to Variety Park and would be of a similar size, as illustrated on Attachment #1. The text proposed for the plaque is included as Attachment #2 for the Commission's review and approval. It is thought appropriate that an engraving of a bouquet of flowers be included on the plaque, to the left of the text, to represent the many flowers and other expressions of grief, love and respect left at the site to honour Diana's memory.

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IN MEMORY OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES**

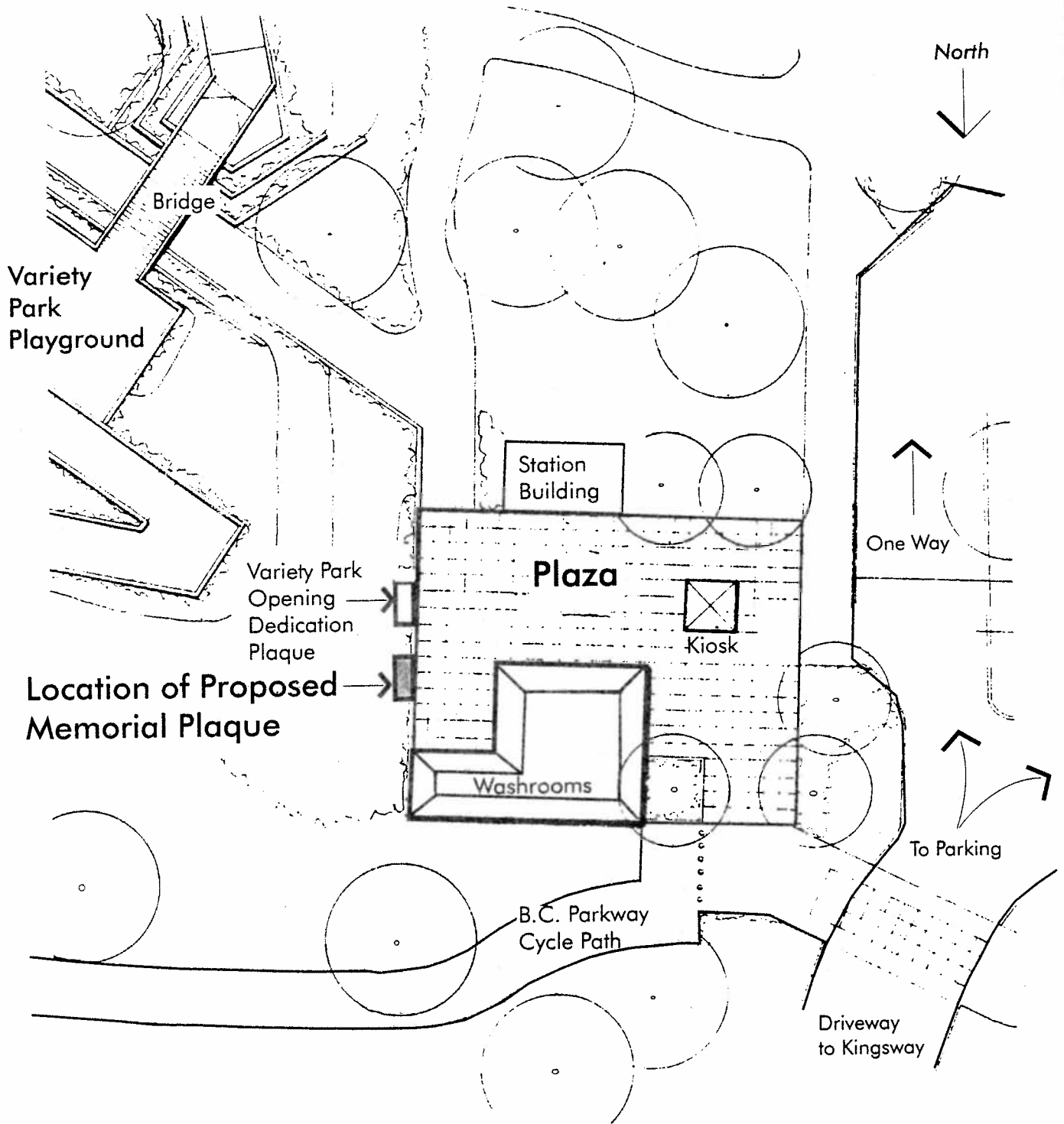
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The estimated cost of the plaque is approximately \$2,000. Funds for the purchase and installation of the bronze plaque on a granite base are available from the 1998 Minor Development Account. A status summary of the 1998 Minor Development Account is provided in Attachment #3.

Should the Commission approve the recommendations put forward in this report, staff will proceed with the ordering of a bronze plaque for unveiling at a ceremony suggested to take place on 1998 August 31, the anniversary of Diana's untimely death.

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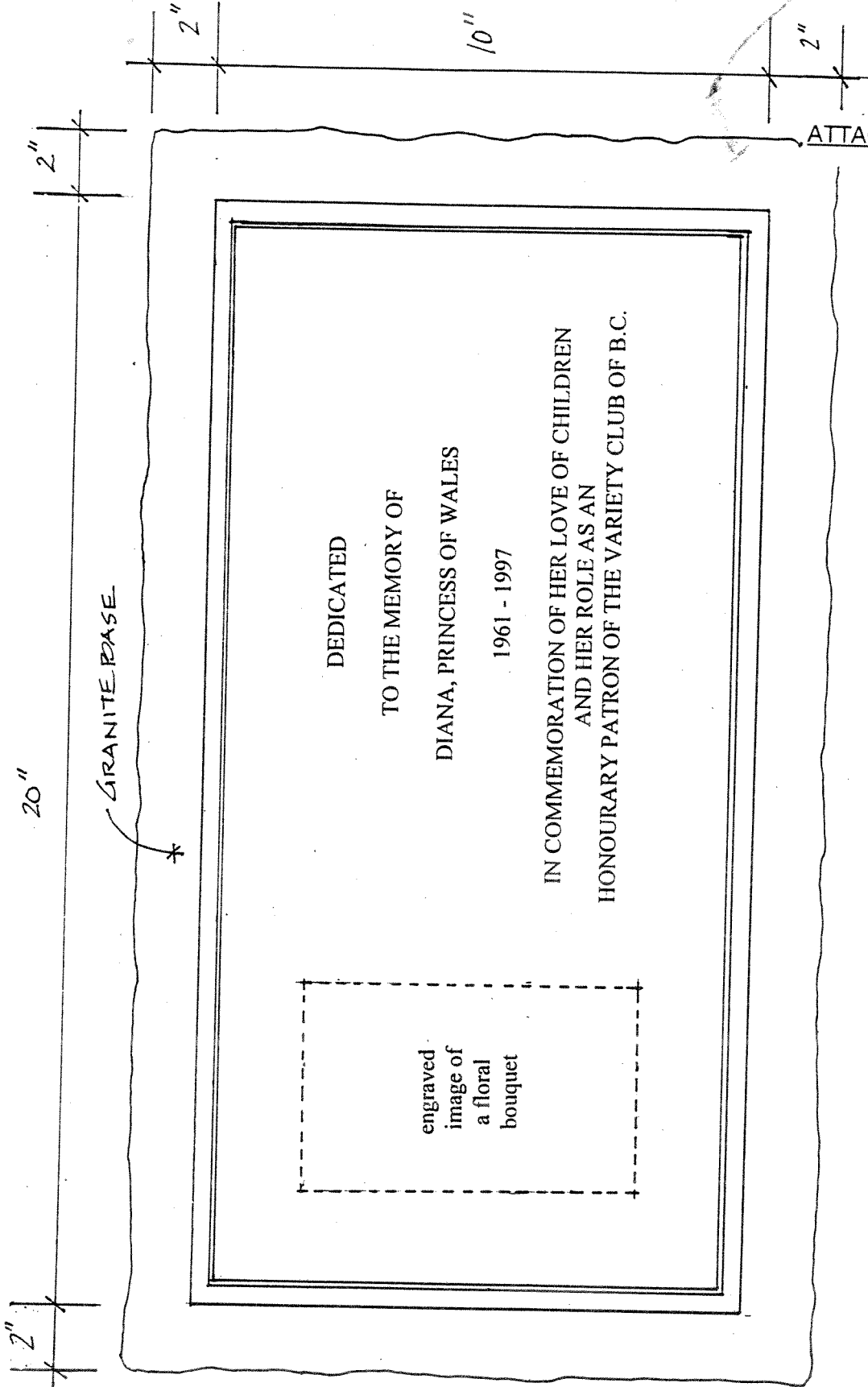
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Central Park - Variety Park Playground:

Proposed Location for Memorial Plaque
to be Erected in Memory of Diana, Princess of Wales



ATTACHMENT # 2

DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

1961 - 1997

IN COMMEMORATION OF HER LOVE OF CHILDREN
AND HER ROLE AS AN
HONOURARY PATRON OF THE VARIETY CLUB OF B.C.

engraved
image of
a floral
bouquet

GRANITE BASE

PROPOSED TEXT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE

STATUS OF THE MINOR DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

AS AT 1998 JANUARY 26

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

1998 PROVISIONAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$30,000
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COMMITTED:

SUB TOTAL UNALLOCATED BUDGET	\$30,000
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LESS - PROPOSED PROJECT:

Central Park	
- Purchase bronze plaque for dedication of the Variety Park Playground to Diana, Princess of Wales	2,000

TOTAL UNALLOCATED BUDGET	\$28,000
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