

REPORT
1999 SEPTEMBER 13

CITY OF BURNABY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

**RE: YEAR 2000 BURNABY: MILLENNIUM CAPITAL PROJECT:
CONCERT BOWL AT DEER LAKE PARK**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the development of the Deer Lake Park concert bowl as the Year 2000 Burnaby millennium capital project for completion by 2000 July 15.
2. THAT Council bring forward a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$267,700 (inclusive of 7% GST) for the detailed design work.

REPORT

In 1998 discussions commenced regarding the celebration of the Year 2000 in Burnaby including community activities and capital legacy project proposals. An interdepartmental staff committee reviewed options and have reported to the Executive Committee of Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting of 1999 August 23, received a report on the development of the concert bowl at Deer Lake Park as the Year 2000 Burnaby millennium capital legacy project for the City. It has made recommendations and has the concurrence of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The coming of the millennium presents an opportunity for Burnaby to bring to life the themes of celebrating our history and our vision of the future, building bridges between neighbourhoods and amongst our neighbours, honouring our seniors and encouraging our youth and creatively recognizing that we are achievers and we are changing.

An excellent way to mark the occasion is with a capital legacy project. The selection of the enhancement of the concert bowl at Deer Lake Park was made because it provides for an attractive, centrally-located special event venue accessible by all citizens; an improved site for community and commercial concerts, festivals, theatre and special events; a four-seasons pavilion for weddings, parties, exhibits, ceremonies and presentations; increased cultural activity participation and associated revenues; and it fills a market niche for outdoor events for 100-10,000 visitors. It is also a fitting way to help future generations celebrate their creative potential and to host the creative talents of others.

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Over the past 10 years the site played host to the annual Discovery Day Festival, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra sponsored concerts and several ticketed concerts such as those featuring Kiri Te Kanawa, the Moody Blues and the Beach Boys. The beautiful park setting and the central location have made the site an attractive place for large events. The development of the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts and the proximity of the Burnaby Village Museum and Ceperley House make the area a popular destination and enhancing the concert bowl will add to Burnaby's arts and cultural park.

Council has received an attachment under separate cover that gives a comprehensive overview of the Deer Lake Park concert bowl development. To accommodate both smaller community gatherings and larger ticketed events, several development requirements have been identified:

1. The Amphitheatre: Minor relandscaping of the grassed seating area to improve sight lines and to reinforce the turf to handle more frequent use through irrigation, drainage and soil modifications.
2. Fencing: Install some moveable and some permanent perimeter fencing around the site to allow for access control for ticketed events and to integrate the fencing into the environment in a sensitive manner.
3. Vehicle Access: Upgrade the roadway, turning and unloading areas for event service vehicles.
4. Entry: Create a permanent gate structure that celebrates the entry to the site.
5. Lighting: Provide lighting for visitor safety and convenience for use at events.
6. Electrical Supply: Install adequate power for the majority of site users for lighting and sound at the stage.
7. Stage Area: Create a concrete pad and permanent fabric roof structure suitable for community and professional group use.
8. Parking: Create a parking management plan for the area.

The preferred pavilion design concept is an attractive, contemporary teflon fabric roof system on a light steel frame with low brick and stone features at the perimeter of 1' raised concrete pad. The pavilion has no walls but can accommodate temporary all-weather curtains as needed. Designed to fit into the environment and to be used in both formal and informal ways all year long, the pavilion will become an attractive element in the park. The Deer Lake Park management plan has identified development in this area as a compatible component in the park plan as a whole.

The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$1,453,060 (inclusive of 7% GST). The City is entitled to a 4% rebate on GST paid. As the major Year 2000 Burnaby celebrations are scheduled for next July, it is recommended that the project be approved and that funding for the detailed design phase, and related project soft costs, in the amount of \$267,700 (inclusive of 7% GST) be approved at this time to ensure opening of the enhanced site by 2000 July 15.

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available, however, this project is not included in the 1999 Capital Budget. These works may cause the 1999 Capital Spending Limit to be exceeded.

Appearing elsewhere on the Council agenda is the Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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