

CITY OF BURNABY

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: Provincial Casino Gaming Funds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve the use of the Casino Gaming funds, for a period of up to five years, for dedicated capital works that serve to protect or improve either the environment or Burnaby's heritage.

**REPORT**

At its meeting on 2000 June 12 the Finance and Economic Development Committee adopted the *attached* report providing a recommendation on the use of funds received from the Province as the City's share of the annual revenue from a community casino. The report also outlines the criteria and process by which these funds will be allocated.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D.R. Corrigan  
Chair

Councillor D.N. Johnston  
Member

Councillor N.M. Volkow  
Member

COPY - CITY MANAGER
- DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
- DIRECTOR FINANCE
- DIRECTOR PLNG. & BLDG.
- DIRECTOR PARKS, REC. & CULT. SERVICES

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2000 May 01

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: PROVINCIAL CASINO GAMING FUNDS

PURPOSE: To seek approval for the use of Provincial Gaming Funds.

---

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council approve the use of the Casino Gaming funds, for a period of up to five years, for dedicated capital works that serve to protect or improve either the environment or Burnaby's heritage.

**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on 2000 January 17 City Council referred the issue of the allocation of Provincial Casino Gaming funds to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for review. On 2000 February 07 the Finance and Economic Development Committee requested a report highlighting options, for consideration, for the use of the funds. At the March 06 meeting of the Committee a diverse set of options for the use of the funds was discussed, the above recommendation was derived out of the discussion.

**CASINO FUNDS OPTIONS**

In accordance with the *Host Financial Assistance Agreement* the casino funds can be used for:

*"...any purpose that would be of public benefit to the host communities."*

The city's share of the annual revenue from the community casino will likely be about \$2.8 to \$4.0 million per year.

The following optional uses of the funds were considered by the Committee (not in any order of priority):

1. Grants and Donations: Operating Reserve (\$1 million)
2. Grants and Donations: Operating Reserve (\$4 million)
3. Community Enhancement Grants
4. Pay-as-you-go Capital Financing
5. Burnaby School Board Crossing Guard Funding
6. Community facilities infrastructure improvement grants
7. Burnaby Foundation seed money
8. Heritage preservation
9. Environmental protection

### RECOMMENDED OPTION

The options were considered within the framework of the following issues:

- funding already provided for options in the various budgets
- the continuity of casino funds as an ongoing revenue source
- the provision of a significant lasting improvement to the city
- the likelihood of other funding sources for the options
- the magnitude of the ongoing impact of the options on the operating budget/tax levy

The recommended option is a combination of capital works associated with the preservation of Burnaby's heritage and the protection of the environment.

The Casino funds, once received, would be budgeted in the current year of the Annual Capital Plan and be clearly designated as projects that are funded by Casino funds for the provision of work related to Heritage and Environmental projects. The projects would have to satisfy the following criteria:

1. Discrete projects that do not require ongoing capital funding.
2. The casino funds on-hand must be sufficient to complete the proposed project.
3. The projects must have little or no ongoing impact on the operating budget or result in a reliance on the tax levy.

Examples of projects were considered appropriate as candidates for casino funds are:

Burnaby Lake rehabilitation	\$10,000,000
Still Creek/Burnaby Lake sedimentation/biofiltration pond	1,000,000
Brunette Basin watershed initiatives	500,000
Stoney Creek fish passage/culvert improvements	500,000
Beecher/Eagle Creek watershed management plans	200,000
Burnaby stream mapping	100,000

The recommended use of the Casino funds will be re-evaluated in five years to determine the ongoing use of the funds and alternatives for there use that may be more appropriate at that time.

The Finance and Economic Development Committee recommends that Council approve the use of the Casino Gaming funds, for a period of up to five years, for dedicated capital works that serve to protect or improve either the environment or Burnaby's heritage



Rick Earle  
Director Finance