

TO: CITY MANAGER 2000 January 20

FROM: MAJOR CIVIC BUILDING PROJECT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT **Year 2000 Burnaby Capital Legacy Project**

PURPOSE: To provide an update on Burnaby's Year 2000 Capital Legacy Project including an initiative for a project on the City Hall grounds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Concert Bowl Project at Deer Lake Park not be pursued as Burnaby's Year 2000 Capital Legacy Project.
2. **THAT** approval in principle be given to the proposal for a garden and enhanced improvements around the City Hall as outlined in this report as Burnaby's Year 2000 Capital Legacy Project and staff be authorized to pursue implementation of this proposal on an expeditious basis.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Over the past year, various projects had been considered by Council and the Executive Committee of Council as a Year 2000 Burnaby millennium capital legacy project. A Concert Bowl at Deer Lake Park was identified as Burnaby's millennium project. The Executive Committee of Council met on 2000 January 17 and arising out of its discussion recommended that the Concert Bowl Project not be advanced at this time.

Arising from further discussion, an alternate project has been proposed to construct a new garden on the north side of Burnaby City Hall and redevelop the City Hall courtyard refurbishment and surrounding walkways as the City's Millennium project. The Executive Committee has discussed the Millennium Garden and Courtyard Project and feels that it would be an appropriate project to commemorate the millennium by the City. However, as time-lines are tight, the project would need

to be pursued expeditiously if construction of the project were to proceed this year. The Executive Committee has, therefore, requested staff to provide an immediate report for Council's consideration outlining the possible scope of the project, as well as issues related to costs and possible external funding sources, development process and timing.

2.0 CONCERT BOWL PROJECT IN DEER LAKE PARK

In 1999 September, Council received a report from the Executive Committee of Council recommending approval for development of a Concert Bowl in Deer Lake Park as the Year 2000 Burnaby capital legacy project. Some questions arose on aspects of the proposed development and on the planning process, and it was decided that a series of public meetings would be pursued in early 2000 to allow for further input. In preparation for these meetings, responses from consultants were elicited by staff on the necessary research and presentation materials which would need to be created. It became evident that the cost of preparing for the public meetings, while legitimate, were excessive considering the status of the project and the fact that the delay in securing approval for the proposed project would make it unlikely that it could be completed in 2000. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommended that the development of the Deer Lake Park festival zone be reconsidered as a future project within the context of the Deer Lake Management Plan (approved in early 1999), and that an alternate Year 2000 Burnaby capital legacy project be considered at this time.

However, in support of the planned Year 2000 Burnaby: An Arts Celebration weekend in 2000 July, it is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission consider installing a 600 amp power service to the southern edge of the Deer Lake Park festival zone, for sound and lighting needs during events, using current capital funds. As well, it is recommended that some power and water supply be installed at the upper plateau to properly support food and beverage concessions at special events.

3.0 GARDEN AND COURTYARD PROJECT AT CITY HALL

3.1 Project Description

The proposed Millennium Garden and Courtyard Project comprises a number of different components. Its objectives would be to develop a special design that would be attractive and enhance City Hall and its setting and to encourage visits and its use by Burnaby citizens. Among the intended uses foreseen for the courtyard area would be civic ceremonies, award presentations, events and other public gatherings. Those present at the September 1992 Council meeting and citizenship ceremony commemorating Burnaby's 100th birthday will well remember the special occasion and there is a desire to outfit the plaza area more fully to accommodate similar events.

In addition, the current paving around the City Hall and the West Building with its brick tiles tends to be slippery under frost or wet conditions and with its irregular surfaces, and has been the source of numerous injuries in recent years. This paving has been identified as a significant safety hazard by the City's Occupational Health and Safety Committee for some time but it has not been possible to date to give adequate priority to the replacement of this paving. Consequently, this is an opportune time to pursue its replacement by more suitable paving which would meet safety concerns.

The components of this project are proposed to include:

Canada Way Garden

- Located north of City Hall building, south of Canada Way, east of staff parking area, and west of Canada Way Pedestrian overpass;
- Design and construction of an integrated garden environment with existing pedestrian travel lines and north entrance stairs and plaza incorporated into the design;
- Include some combination of a perimeter walkway, trellis, shelter area, water feature, sculpture etc as garden elements;
- Include festival and regular nighttime lighting;
- Provide barrier free access to all areas of the garden and the north City Hall entrance.

City Hall Public Courtyard

- Replace existing unsafe paving surfaces;
- Program internal area with a shelter for special events (United Way BBQ, Clean Air Day, civic ceremonies, etc);
- Include festival and regular nighttime lighting;
- Screen commercial service vehicle access.

Surrounding Walkways

- Replace existing unsafe paving surfaces surrounding City Hall (mainly east and south sides of City Hall);
- Include festival and regular nighttime lighting;

Related to West Building

- Replace existing unsafe paving surfaces on the east side of the West Building;
- Improve pavement surfaces and lighting along the connections to the West Building from City Hall courtyard.

3.2 Costs/Funding

It has not been possible in the available time to determine cost estimates for the project. However an order of magnitude cost for the project would likely be in the range of \$1.4 million (excluding taxes).

An opportunity exists to obtain partial funding through the "BC 2000 - Marking the Millennium" grant program. This program is aimed at helping British Columbians mark the year 2000 by providing funds for community projects. The "Community Spirit Grants" could provide up to 50% funding to a maximum of \$200,000 for capital projects. Provincial literature indicates that preference for funding will be given to those projects with broad public appeal which are widely accessible to the community. The deadline for applications is 2000 January 31, and applications must include a detailed project budget, including sources of funding, quotes and estimates, a construction schedule, and drawings if applicable. Projects must be completed by 2001 March 31. Current information is that a high number of applications have already been received and obtaining maximum grants should not be presupposed.

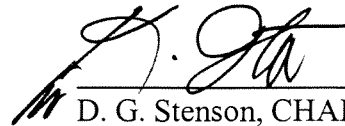
3.3 Timing/next Steps

As indicated earlier, obtaining provincial millennium funding will require a detailed application form to be submitted by 2000 January 31. In order to meet this tight deadline, Council is requested to approve the project in principle at this time and authorise staff to pursue the immediate engagement of a design consultant (landscape architect/architect) for the project. Council approval of the selected design consultant will need to be obtained. A quantity surveyor would also be engaged. Staff would work under the auspices of the Civic Development Committee with necessary approvals obtained through reports to Council.

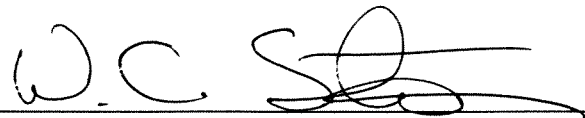
A further report to Council will outline detailed design and cost estimates. When working drawings are complete, the project would then be tendered. As the timing is extremely tight, it cannot be determined with certainty whether the project can be complete by the end of the year although it would be advanced expeditiously.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Millennium Garden and Courtyard Project is seen as a desirable project by which to recognise the millennium. Applications for funding grants from the province must be submitted by 2000 January 31. This represents a tight time-frame. It is recommended that Council approve the project in principle and authorise staff to pursue the engagement of a design consultant. A further report will also be submitted to Council for its consideration when a detailed design and detailed cost estimates have been prepared.



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