

TO: CITY MANAGER 2000 July 25

FROM: MAJOR CIVIC BUILDING PROJECT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT CITY HALL MILLENNIUM GARDEN AND COURTYARD
REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
STATUS OF COST SHARED FUNDING APPLICATION

PURPOSE: To provide an update on the City Hall Millennium Garden and Courtyard Refurbishment project grant application to the BC Government's "Marking the Millennium" cost share funding program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorise staff to prepare a letter to the "Marking the Millennium" grant program requesting that the grant award be dedicated solely to the Millennium Garden component of the City Hall Millennium Garden and Courtyard Refurbishment project.

R E P O R T

Council, at its regular meeting of 2000 January 24 authorised staff to apply for partial funding of the City Hall Millennium Garden and Courtyard Refurbishment project through the B. C. Government's "Marking the Millennium" grant program. The provincial program is aimed at helping British Columbians mark the year 2000 by providing funds for community projects. Under the program, 50% funding to a maximum of \$200,000 for capital projects could be received.

Recently the Province advised that the City would be receiving a Community Spirit cost-sharing grant in the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the City Hall Millennium Garden and Courtyard Refurbishment project.

One condition of this grant is that the entire project must be completed by 2001 March 31. This deadline is somewhat problematic as the original grant application was for one combined project and since that time the project has been split into two separate phases (Phase I - Millennium Garden and Phase II - Courtyard Refurbishment) with an anticipated final complete (Phase I and II) completion date of autumn 2001.


With regard to this issue, Provincial grant administration staff have advised that a formal request should be made to dedicate the entire \$100,000 to the Millennium Garden. Doing so would not result in a lower grant award. Alternatively, the City could request an extension to the March 31 2001 deadline so as to include completion of Phase II, however no guarantee can be made that any funding would be awarded for projects not meeting the deadline criteria.

Across the globe, governments of all levels have or will mark the new Millennium. Burnaby's Millennium Garden is intended to be both celebratory and functional in nature and would be commensurate with the recently updated and upgraded Burnaby City Hall building, and become a point of pride for Burnaby citizen's at the geographic and symbolic heart of our community.

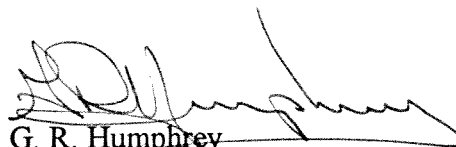
It is recommended that Council authorize staff to prepare a letter to the Province requesting dedication of the grant award strictly to the Millennium Garden phase.



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