

2001 MAY 24

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
SUBJECT: BARNET MARINE PARK MASTER PLAN

PURPOSE: To request Council to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$77,000 for additional design, engineering and environmental works not covered by the original contract related to the west foreshore access of Barnet Marine Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$77,000 (inclusive of 7% GST) be brought down for additional design, engineering and environmental works not covered by the original contract related to the west foreshore access of Barnet Marine Park.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2001 May 23, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.



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cc: Director Finance
Director Planning
Director Engineering

SUBJECT: BARNET MARINE PARK MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be given for the expenditure of \$74,000 (including net GST rebate) from the 2001 Capital Budget for additional design, engineering and environmental works not covered by the original contract related to the west foreshore access of Barnet Marine Park.
2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$77,000 (inclusive of 7% GST) for additional design, engineering and environmental works not covered by the original contract related to the west foreshore access of Barnet Marine Park.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1999 June 16th, the Commission approved a contract for consulting services for detailed design and environmental studies for the central and west foreshore areas of Barnet Marine Park up to, but not including, park property west of Kask. Since then, work for this area, including detailed survey site analysis, park programming and preliminary environmental assessments have been completed. Recent information and opportunities have caused staff to reassess the original parameters of the study and request that the scope of work be expanded to include portions of the park further west. The issues are:

Western pedestrian and bicycle overpass:

Recent geotechnical data has indicated that the area identified for a second pedestrian overpass east of Kask is considered less stable than areas further west. Staff are now recommending that the Consultants review and evaluate a variety of options for an overpass and foreshore access west of the Kask site.

Texaco Crossing:

A public vehicular and pedestrian crossing at Texaco Drive is favoured, but until recently its feasibility was limited by a lack of support from the Railway. Recent positive discussions with CPR have led to detailed design work and a formal application for the crossing. With the approval of a central crossing, it becomes desirable to position the western crossing further west so as to maximize public access to the park.

A more western crossing into Barnet Marine Park will maximize waterfront access to, and appreciation of, the marine environment and the spectacular views afforded. The proposed supplemental work will consider five concept designs for foreshore connections between the proposed overpass and existing shore edge walkway. Each option will undergo an environmental impact review, and consider mitigative, restorative and compensatory measures. This study will also propose grades and layout for an upland viewpoint and landing connecting the overpass with the proposed Urban Trail route.

The costs of this supplemental consulting work as described herein is \$74,000 (including net GST). Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and this project is included under the 2001 Major Parks component of the 2001-2005 Capital Program. It is recommended that Council bring down a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$77,000 (inclusive of 7% GST) to finance the work.

Upon approval of funding, staff will meet with the consultants to refine a preferred west foreshore access option and incorporate the preferred design into the overall plan. It is anticipated that the results will be presented to Commission and a public Open House review this fall in preparation for formal application to the Burrard Environmental Review Committee (BERC).



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