

2001 MAY 03

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: KENSINGTON PARK SPORTS FIELDS UPGRADE

PURPOSE: To request Council to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$135,050 in order to complete the upgrade of the Kensington Park sports fields.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$135,050 (inclusive of 7% GST) be brought down in order to complete the upgrade of the Kensington Park sports fields.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2001 May 02, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



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DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc: Director Finance

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council be asked to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$135,050 (inclusive of 7% GST) in order to complete the upgrade of the Kensington Park sports fields.

REPORT

The reconstruction of Kensington Park sports fields (backstops 1 - 4 and fields 3 and 4) has been planned as priority work for this year. When this work is completed, it will provide one of the prime youth baseball fields in Burnaby. The work is also planned to restore the full-size soccer field and mini soccer field.

Earlier, preliminary planning and design work had been done in consultation with the Burnaby Minor Baseball Association and Cliff Avenue United Soccer Club. The planned work program included levelling the playing fields, improving the drainage and replacing the backstops. In addition, the soil stripped from the playing field would provide the necessary base preparation for the installation of the Kensington Park playground also planned for installation this year.

The detailed designs have now been completed and the preliminary cost estimate revised to \$530,000. The increase in cost is attributed to:

1. Further geotechnical work which identified the need to remove and replace more of the underlying wet soils than previously anticipated.
2. Higher than anticipated cost to supply electrical and water service to the site.
3. The grades on the existing sports fields will be reduced in order to improve the playability of the new sport surfaces. This requires both an additional amount of fill as well as adding to the complexity of the grading work.
4. The size of the dug-out has been expanded beyond initial plans and the dug-outs will be equipped with hard surfacing in order to reduce maintenance costs.

A number of options were considered including:

1. Reducing the scope of work - this would create an unacceptable product given the high level of play planned for the facility.
2. Delaying the installation of the backstops to 2002 - this would mean the field would not be available for one additional year and would impact the 2002 Capital Project.

The preferred approach is to complete all work this year through re-allocation of 2001 Capital Budget funds from other projects which will not proceed this year.

Financing:

A work order is in place totalling \$400,000. Additional funding in the amount of \$130,000 is required to complete the project bringing the project budget to \$530,000.

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and this project, in the amount of \$470,000, is included under the 2001 Park Development component of the proposed 2001 - 2005 Annual Capital Program. In order to ensure that 2001 capital spending limit is not exceeded, \$130,000 will be reallocated from the Bonsor Recreation Centre renovation 2001 Capital Budget.

It is recommended that a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw be brought down in the amount of \$135,050 (inclusive of 7% G.S.T.) to finance the completion of the Kensington Park sports fields.

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