

TO: CITY MANAGER 2003 July 15
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 17.908.7
SUBJECT: 2003 ACCESS RENOVATIONS TO CITY FACILITIES
PURPOSE: To seek Council's approval that a Capital Expenditure Bylaw be brought down to finance accessibility improvements at various City facilities in 2003.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,000 (inclusive of 7% GST) be brought forward to finance accessibility improvements at various City facilities in 2003, as outlined in Section 2.0 of this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

In the Planning Department's Community Amenity Projects component of the 2003 Annual Capital Budget, \$50,000 has been designated to continue a program of accessibility initiatives that would permit persons with mobility disabilities to use civic facilities more fully. As in previous years, discussions have taken place between Burnaby's Access Advisory Committee and City staff to identify priority access improvements. This report presents proposed improvements for 2003.

2.0 PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Burnaby Access Advisory Committee is comprised of Burnaby residents who have disabilities, representatives of organizations working with people who have disabilities and City staff. The Committee, in conjunction with other City staff, have proposed the following improvements:

Bonsor Recreation Centre

- provision of automatic doors from main foyer into the pool area

Confederation Community Centre

- provision of two additional designated parking stalls
- upgrading of parking signage and painting of curbs

Central Park Pool

- installation of a fully accessible unisex washroom/changeroom/shower
- installation of aquatic lift into the pool

Burnaby Lake Arena

- automatic doors between Burnaby Lake Arena and Bill Copeland Centre

These proposed modest improvements are part of a continuing program to provide better access to City facilities for persons with disabilities. Physical Plant Maintenance has indicated that the above work could be completed within the \$50,000 budget allocated for access renovations in 2003.

3.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and provision of accessibility improvements has been included under the Planning Department's Community Amenity Projects component of the 2003-2007 Annual Capital Program.

It is recommended that Council bring forward a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,000 (inclusive of GST) to finance accessibility improvements to various City facilities.



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