

**TO:** CITY MANAGER 2004 July 14

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE:17.908.7  
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**SUBJECT:** 2004 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 2004.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$22,000 (inclusive of 7% GST) be brought forward to finance accessibility improvements at various City facilities in 2004, as outlined in Section 2.0 of this report.

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

Under the Community Amenity Projects component of the adopted 2004 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 2004.

**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:

**Confederation Community Centre for the Retired**

- provision of an automatic door at the west parking lot entrance of the building

**Burnaby Village Museum**

- Ice Cream parlour men and women's washroom improvements including installation of door handles, lowered towel dispensers, and accessible counter space

**Swangard Stadium**

- Concourse Level men and women's washroom improvements including accessible counter space and lowered towel dispensers

**Shadbolt Centre**

- relocation of push buttons at the automatic door entrance

**Edmonds Community Centre for 55+**

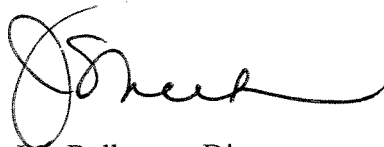
- provision of a looped hearing system in the auditorium to improve sound for people with hearing aids.

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 for \$22,000.

**3.0 FINANCING**

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and provision of accessibility improvements has been included under Community Amenity Projects component of the 2004-2008 Annual Capital Program.

It is recommended that Council bring forward a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$22,000 (inclusive of GST) to finance accessibility improvements to various City facilities.



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