

## CITY OF BURNABY

FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS***RE: BCIT FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATION CENTRE OF  
EXCELLENCE GRANT REQUEST****RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council authorize a grant of \$9,500 to BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Centre of Excellence in 2005/06 to undertake monitoring, public education, and stream enhancement work along Still Creek, subject to the specific programs being reviewed with City staff.
2. **THAT** Council approve in principle a grant of \$8,500 to BCIT Fish, Wildlife Recreation Centre of Excellence in 2006/07 to undertake monitoring, public education, and stream enhancement work along Still Creek, subject to a review of the work in 2005/06 and the proposed program for 2006/07.
3. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Mark Angelo, Chair, BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Centre of Excellence.

REPORT

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2005 March 17, received and adopted the attached report to consider a funding request from the BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Centre of Excellence for Still Creek work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Derek R. Corrigan  
ChairCouncillor Dan Johnston  
Vice ChairCouncillor Nick Volkow  
Member

COPY: City Manager Director Finance Director Planning & Building Director Engineering Dir. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2005 March 10

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: 31000-06  
Still Creek

**SUBJECT: BCIT FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE GRANT REQUEST**

**PURPOSE:** To consider a funding request from the BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Centre of Excellence for Still Creek work.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council grant \$9,500 to BCIT Fish, Wildlife, Recreation Centre of Excellence in 2005/6 to undertake monitoring, public education, and stream enhancement work along Still Creek, subject to the specific programs being reviewed with City staff.
2. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council approve in principle a grant of \$8,500 to BCIT Fish, Wildlife, Recreation Centre of Excellence in 2006/7 to undertake monitoring, public education, and stream enhancement work along Still Creek, subject to a review of the work in 2005/6 and the proposed program for 2006/7.
3. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council forward copy of this report to Mr. Mark Angelo, Chair, BCIT Fish, Wildlife, Recreation Centre of Excellence.

**REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

For many years, the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Program has successfully partnered with the City, Greater Vancouver Regional District, streamkeepers, and other groups on environmental enhancement, monitoring, and education projects. These projects include the Burnaby Lake Systems Project, Rivers Day, Environment Week, Brunette Basin Task Group, and many other programs.

In January 2005, Council received a request from Mr. Mark Angelo, Chair, BCIT Fish, Wildlife, Recreation Centre of Excellence (FWRCE) for a grant of \$9,500 in 2005/6 and \$8,500 in 2006/7 to be utilized for monitoring, public education, and stream enhancement work along Still Creek. This request was forwarded from the Executive Committee to the Finance and Civic Development Committee. The Finance and Civic Development Committee at its meeting of February 24, 2005 requested a staff report on the subject. The following report outlines the purpose of the proposed grant and provides context for how it fits with ongoing City programs for Still Creek.

## 2.0 REVIEW OF GRANT REQUEST

The BCIT Fish and Wildlife Program has been an active steward of Still Creek for many years, and their recent projects include environmental mapping, fish and wildlife monitoring, public education, and streamside planting programs. The grant request builds on this work.

The City is currently engaged in a process to develop a Still Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan, with a draft plan expected to be available for review by late spring 2005. BCIT is a partner in the plan preparation, along with the City of Vancouver, Greater Vancouver Regional District, streamkeepers, and senior agencies. BCIT's FWRCE proposed work program is highly compatible with the directions within the planning process, and the final Plan can guide their future work.

BCIT's FWRCE funding request is for a 2-year grant, in order to provide funding continuity for their Still Creek program. They are seeking a broad base of funding partners, including donations from different levels of government, internal college funds, and contributions from private donors and landowners. A City of Burnaby contribution would be leveraged with funding from other sources, providing excellent value to the City for funds donated.

## 3.0 CONCLUSIONS

Staff recommend support for the grant request to BCIT's FWRCE, based on their work to date and advancement of the goals of the draft Still Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Staff note that adequate funds are available through the Donations and Grants budget. It is recommended that Council agree in principle to the 2-year grant request, and provide the requested \$9,500 funding for 2005/6. It is recommended that BCIT's FWRCE provide an update on past and proposed activities in early 2006, prior to the City providing the 2006/7 grant of \$8,500.



J.S. Belhouse, Director  
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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cc: City Manager  
Director Finance  
Director Engineering  
Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
City Clerk

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