
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2006 December 06

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 68000-20
Reference: Urban Trail South Spur

SUBJECT: SOUTH SPUR URBAN TRAIL AND GRIFFITHS DRIVE OVERPASS CONSTRUCTION

PURPOSE: To seek funding authorization for construction of the South Spur Urban Trail from the BC Parkway to 18th Street including an Overpass at Griffiths Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$2,915,000 (inclusive of 6% GST) for construction of the South Spur Urban Trail and Griffiths Overpass, as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** a Development Cost Charge Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$1,250,000 be brought forward to fund the construction of the South Spur Urban Trail and Griffiths Overpass drawing from the established DCC fund.
3. **THAT** \$1,665,000 of gaming funds be used to fund the balance of costs as previously approved by Council on 2005 September 19.
4. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Transportation Committee and Burnaby School District #41 for their information.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

On 2005 June, Council approved the retention of a consultant to complete the detailed design for the South Spur Urban Trail and associated Griffiths Drive overpass. The urban trail utilizes an abandoned railway spur owned by the City to link Byrne Creek Secondary School and the neighbourhoods to the east of Griffiths Drive to the BC Parkway, Edmonds SkyTrain Station, Taylor School and neighbourhoods west of Griffiths Drive, as shown on **Figure 1**. The overpass crossing of Griffiths Drive is located approximately one block south of 14th Avenue. This report seeks Council expenditure authorization for construction funding of the urban trail and overpass.

The Director Engineering has approved design drawings for the urban trail and overpass and has estimated the cost component of the subject works at \$2,750,000, exclusive of GST. Following approval of the recommendations of this report, the Director Engineering will prepare a subsequent report to Council to recommend the results of the tender process initiated in 2006 November for selection of a contractor to undertake construction of the subject urban trail and overpass within the authorized expenditure amount.

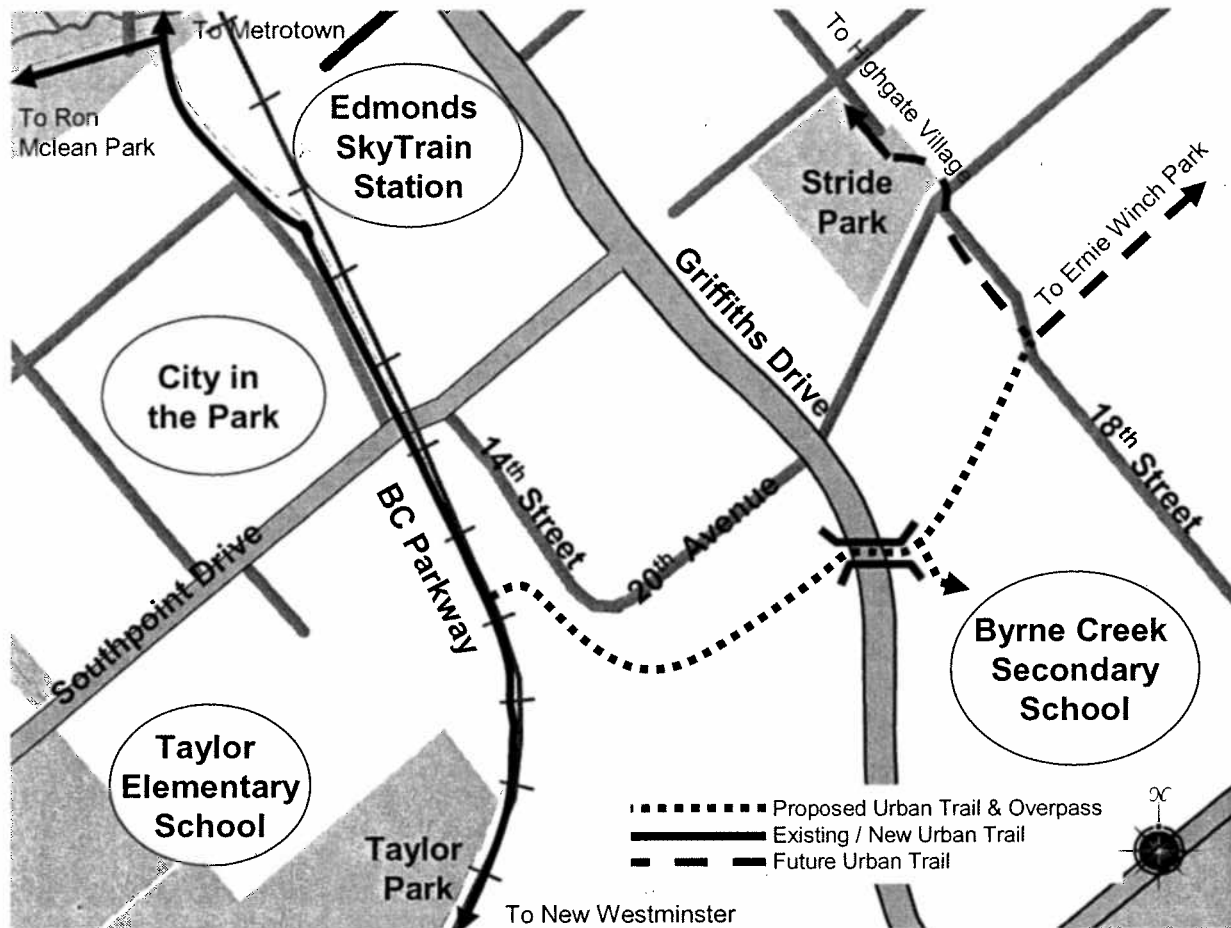


Figure 1: Proposed South Spur Urban Trail and Griffiths Overpass

2.0 FINANCING

In 2004 May, Council amended the DCC Bylaw #7328 – Edmonds Town Centre Grade Separated Crossing Charge - to secure funds towards the construction of the subject pedestrian and cycling crossing of Griffiths Drive. Further, on 2005 September 19, Council approved a recommendation of the Civic Finance and Development Committee for the development of the South Spur Urban Trail as part of the Edmonds Transit Village Project with the use of Gaming Funds. In 2006 June, the Ministry of Transportation approved the City’s application for cost share funding in the amount of \$250,000 under the 2006 – 07 Cycling Infrastructures Partnerships Program (CIPP) for the subject project.

This report seeks Council expenditure authorization for the project in the total amount not to exceed \$2,915,000, inclusive of GST. Proposed allocations from the established funding sources for the project include \$1,665,000, from Gaming Funds, and \$1,250,000, from the DCC Bylaw fund. The Gaming Fund would be reimbursed on receipt of the CIPP grant amount of \$250,000 and the GST amount of \$165,000 on completion of the project.

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Sufficient capital reserves for this project are available. A budget allocation of \$1,800,000 is included with the current 2006 Annual Capital Program and an allocation of \$950,000 for this project has been advanced for Council consideration as part of the upcoming 2007 – 2011 Provisional Capital program for a total of \$2,750,000.

3.0 CONCLUSION

This report seeks Council expenditure authorization for construction of the South Spur Urban Trail and Griffiths pedestrian/cycle overpass. The results of the tender process for this project will be submitted to Council for approval at a later date. The project comprises an overpass and urban trail which utilizes an abandoned railway spur owned by the City which will link major designations within this area of the Edmonds Town Centre on the east and west side of Griffiths Drive.



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