
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2006 August 15

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 1750 20
Reference: BAAC

SUBJECT: 2006 ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FACILITIES

PURPOSE: To seek Council's approval for a Capital Expenditure Bylaw to be brought down to finance accessibility improvements at various City facilities in 2006

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,000 (inclusive of 6% GST) be brought forward to finance accessibility improvements at various City facilities in 2006, as outlined in Section 2.0 and 3.0 of this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Under the Community Amenity Projects component of the adopted 2006 Annual Capital Budget, \$50,000 has been included to continue a program of accessibility initiatives that would permit persons with 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 2006.

2.0 PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Burnaby Access Advisory Committee is comprised of Burnaby residents who have disabilities and/or are familiar with disability issues and City staff who coordinate the work program of the Committee. The Committee, in conjunction with contacts from various City departments, proposes the following improvements:

Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool

- provision of a portable adjustable change table with side rails for the accessible change room.

C.G. Brown Pool

- provision and installation of standard accessible toilets in the men's and women's change rooms.

Shadbolt Centre

- provision of a wheelchair accessible ramp into Studio 211 (drama studio) to allow wheelchair access to the Studio.

City Playgrounds (Ron McLean, Squint Lake, Wesburn, Lakeview, Parkcrest, Suncrest, Burnaby Heights and Greentree)

- provision of curb cuts and wheelchair accessible paved pathways into playground areas.

RCMP Main Detachment

- provision of a standard accessible toilet, grab bars and other access modifications to the men's washroom in the front reception area.

The proposed modest improvements are part of a continuing program to provide better access to City facilities for persons with disabilities. Physical Plant Maintenance and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff have indicated that the above improvements can be undertaken for \$43,550.

3.0 ADDITIONAL FUNDING

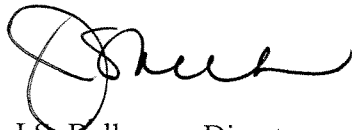
In previous years, staff have noted that after the Capital Expenditure Bylaw is brought down, additional small accessibility improvements have been identified (e.g. installation of hand rails, construction of small ramps). Therefore, in addition to the above-noted improvements, it is recommended that the remaining \$6,450 be released from the Community Amenity Projects component of the 2006 Annual Capital Program to allow for various improvements on an as-needed basis. The availability of these funds would provide greater flexibility for staff to carry out small accessibility projects as they arise throughout the year. As in previous years, staff will report on the completed accessibility improvements in the annual work plan report of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee that is submitted to the Social Issues Committee each spring.

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4.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and provision of accessibility improvements has been included under the Community Amenity Projects component of the 2006-2010 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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