
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2008 April 07
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING **FILE:** 1750 20
Reference: BAAC
X Ref.: PA 6500-20 (Capital Budget)

SUBJECT: 2008 ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FACILITIES

PURPOSE: To seek Council expenditure authorization for access improvements at various City facilities in 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize expenditures for access improvements to City facilities in 2008, as described in Section 2.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** Council authorize the preparation of a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,715 (inclusive of GST) to finance the 2008 accessibility improvements.
3. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Issues Committee for information.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

Each year City staff, in collaboration with members of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee (BAAC), identify a range of proposed access improvements to City facilities, with the intent of allowing people with disabilities to use civic facilities more fully. The Burnaby Access Advisory Committee was established in 1998 to advise the Planning Department on access and disability related issues. It is comprised of staff from various City departments and Burnaby residents with knowledge and interest in disability issues. This report presents the proposed accessibility improvements for 2008.

2.0 PROPOSED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A call for project proposals intended to enhance access to City facilities was issued to all City Departments in 2008 February. Based on a review of proposals by City staff and BAAC, the access improvement projects being recommended for funding and implementation in 2008 are summarized below.

Eileen Daily Leisure Pool and Fitness Centre

- Installation of an automatic door opener for the fitness centre.
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$5,000.

Swangard Stadium

- Provision of improved toilets in accessible washrooms.
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$6,000.

City Playgrounds

- Provision of curb cuts and wheelchair accessible paved pathways into park playground areas at various park locations in Burnaby.
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$20,000.

Edmonds Resource Centre

- Purchase and installation of a stair lift to provide access between the first and second storeys of the resource centre building.
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$60,000.

Miscellaneous Items and Contingency

- Additional small accessibility improvements that may be identified throughout the year (e.g. installation of hand rails, construction of small ramps, etc.), and project contingency.
- Proposed Capital Program Allocation: \$9,000.

As in previous years, staff will report on the completed accessibility improvements in the 2009 Annual Work Plan report of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee that will be advanced through the Social Issues Committee next spring.


3.0 FINANCING & RECOMMENDATIONS

A sufficient allocation of \$100,000 has been advanced for Council consideration under the Community Amenity Projects component of the 2008-2012 Annual Capital Program for the above requested access expenditures. Council expenditure authorization is sought for the proposed access improvement projects in the amount of \$100,000. Unexpended bylaw funds in the amount of \$51,700 are available in the Access Improvement Capital account carried forward from previous years. In order to provide the balance of bylaw funds required for the proposed program of access improvements, it is recommended that

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a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,715 (inclusive of GST) be brought forward for consideration.

It is further recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Issues Committee for information.


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cc: Director Finance
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Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
City Solicitor
City Clerk

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