

Meeting 2008 April 07

COUNCIL REPORT

FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: BURNABY SPIRIT SQUARE - DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT Council authorize an expenditure of Gaming Funds in the amount of \$1,700,000 (inclusive of 5% GST) for design and construction of the festival lawn improvements in Deer Lake Park, as outlined in this report.
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

REPORT

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2008 March 19, received and adopted the <u>attached</u> report seeking Council expenditure approval to undertake detail design and implementation of improvements on the festival lawn in Deer Lake Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston Chair

Councillor N. Volkow Vice Chair

Councillor G. Begin Member

Copied to:

City Manager

Director Parks, Recr. & Cult. Services

Director Finance Director Engineering





TO:

CHAIR AND MEMBERS

DATE:

2008 March 12

FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE

FROM:

DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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of improvements on the Festival Law.

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INTRODUCTION

On 2007 March 28, Council, on the recommendation of the Finance and Civic Development Committee, approved in principle, funding of the festival lawn improvements from Gaming Funds on the understanding that the festival lawn improvement project may be successful in receiving a grant through the Provincial Government BC Spirit Squares Legacy program.

On 2008 March 07 the Premier announced that the application for the Spirit Squares Legacy Program as it applies to the festival lawn located in the arts precinct in Deer Lake Park was successful and the City of Burnaby will receive up to \$500,000 towards the improvements.

1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Staff identified four areas within the Festival Lawn as potential candidates for Spirit Square funding. Those areas include, in order of priority, the stage area, the lawn perimeter, the adjacent lake shore, and the Shadbolt terrace that overlooks the lawn (Attachment #1).

The preliminary identification of the work to be done includes additional lawn reinforcement in the stage area, improved lawn drainage and irrigation, the construction of gateway entry features and fencing/hedgerows along select perimeter locations, the construction of a new lakeside shelter that reflects the significant architectural heritage found in the park, and the possible extension of the paved terrace into the upper lawn area.

To: Finance and Civic Development Committee
From: Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Re: Burnaby Spirit Square - Design and Implementation

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION

One of the requirements of the Spirit Squares Legacy grant program is to have the project designed and constructed by 2009. This timeline will be a challenge to meet, in light of the available time frame and the active use of the festival lawn during the May-September period. To achieve the goal, the work plan will be divided and tendered as two projects:

Phase 1 of the work program will include conceptual layout with sufficient design detail to produce Class C cost estimates for all components of the works. It is anticipated that a review and selection of the key elements be made at this time to determine the final works that would be undertaken in Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the work program will include detail design, tender and construction of the works. The construction window is anticipated to include works in fall 2008 and spring and fall of 2009. Construction will respect the need to continue program use in the summer of 2009, including the World Police and Fire Games.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The financial contribution of the B.C. Spirit Squares Legacy Program to the festival lawn will result in the significant improvement that will serve to enhance the importance of these public amenities available to all British Columbians. In order to meet the criteria of the grant, design and construction of the site improvements will begin in 2008 and carry over to 2009.

It is recommended that Council authorize an expenditure of Gaming Funds not to exceed \$1.7 Million (inclusive of 5% GST) to fund the festival lawn improvements in 2008/2009. The Gaming Funds would be repaid \$500,000, the amount of the grant, when received. The use of gaming funds for this project is consistent with Council guidelines to support heritage, cultural and environmental projects.

With Council approval of this expenditure request, a report will be submitted by the Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services with a recommendation to award tender for this project.

Dave Ellenwood

DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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cc: City Manager

Director Finance
Director Engineering

ATTACHMENT #1 SHADBOLT CENTURY GARDENS CENTRE WEST PERIMETER CONCESSION SEATING **EAST** FESTIVAL LAW **PERIMETER** LAKESIDE SHELTER **DEER LAKE** park planning, design & development/MB H.backup\data\core\deer lake\festival lawn spint square



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