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COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2009 May 22

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING **FILE:** 1750 20
Reference: BAAC
X Ref.: PA 6500-20 (Capital Budget)

SUBJECT: 2009 ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FACILITIES

PURPOSE: To seek Council expenditure authorization for access improvements at various City facilities in 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize expenditures for access improvements to City facilities in 2009, as described in Section 2.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** Council authorize the preparation of a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,000 (inclusive of GST) to finance the 2009 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 2009.

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 December. Based on a review of proposals by City staff and the BAAC, the access improvement projects being recommended for funding and implementation in 2009 are summarized below.

Edmonds Community Centre

- Purchase and installation of automatic doors on men's and women's washrooms
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$10,500

McGill and Metrotown Libraries

- Purchase and installation of mechanical swing gates to replace turnstiles at entrance
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$8,500

Charles Rummel Park

- To provide universal access pathways to the playground
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$7,500

Cariboo Park

- To provide universal access pathways to the playground
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$15,500

City Amenity Office Space at 6140 McKercher Avenue

- Purchase and installation of automatic doors at entrance
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$10,500

Bonsor Recreation Complex

- Purchase of 4 zero clearance mats for wheelchair access
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$1,200

Cameron Recreation Complex

- Purchase and installation of automatic doors to replace aging doors
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$10,800

Curb Cuts

- Installation of curb cuts in various locations
- Proposed Capital Program allocation: \$16,000

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: \$3,950.

As in previous years, staff will report on the completed accessibility improvements in the 2010 Annual Work Plan report of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee to be advanced through the Social Issues Committee in 2010.

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A sufficient allocation of \$84,450 has been provided for under the Community Amenity Projects component of the 2009-2013 Annual Capital Program for the requested access improvement expenditures.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council authorize expenditures for access improvements to City facilities in 2009, as described in Section 2.0 of this report, in the amount of \$84,450. Unexpended bylaw funds in the amount of \$34,450 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 Council authorize the preparation of a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$50,000 (inclusive of GST).

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
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