

District of Mission **Memo**

To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Date: January 10, 2009

Subject: Repairs to Bandstand at Fraser River Heritage Park

Recommendation

That early approval be granted to conduct repairs to the bandstand at Fraser River Heritage Park at a budgeted cost of \$45,746.

Background

Based on the inspection and advice of a structural engineer, the bandstand at Fraser River Heritage Park was closed to all activity this past October. The upright posts were rotting at the base, necessitating significant repairs in order to make the structure safe.

The original estimate for repairs was \$37,130 based on a contractor's budgetary quote, but was made without knowing the full extent of the wood rot and necessary repairs.

Purchasing has now obtained proper quotes based on specifications supplied by a structural engineer and a building envelope specialist. The low quote is for \$42,500. Once remaining consulting fees and administration charges are added, the budget required to conduct the repairs is \$45,746.

This project is currently in the District's capital plan, and funded by the General Capital Reserve Fund. Early approval is being requested in order to have the bandstand ready for the busy spring season, when it will be in demand for weddings and special events. We have advised all bidding contractors that the work needs to be completed by the end of February.

Alternative options include:

1. Defer the decision to the normal budget deliberations. This would impact users of the bandstand in the spring, and would leave the structure in an unsightly condition when the park is busy.
2. Tear down the bandstand and do not replace. Costs for this option have not been investigated.
3. Tear down the bandstand and replace with a completely new structure. Costs for this option have not been investigated.



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