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To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Date: March 23, 2009

Subject: **Additional Funding for Bandstand Repairs**

Recommendation

1. That staff be directed to complete the extra repairs to the bandstand at Fraser River Heritage Park at a cost of \$15,657 plus GST;
2. The funding from the General Capital Reserve Fund be utilized for these extra repairs; and
3. That the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

Background

In January of this year Council granted early approval for repairs to the bandstand at Fraser River Heritage Park at a budgeted cost of \$45,746. The early approval was requested in order to complete repairs prior to the busy spring season. The manager at the Park was concerned that closure of the bandstand during the spring would have a negative impact on Mission Heritage Association (MHA) revenue. The intent was to complete the repairs by the end of February.

Once the old concrete floor was removed and the decking exposed it was clear that the degree of rot was significantly greater than had been anticipated, impacting the entire deck as well as the supporting joists and beams. Staff advised the contractor to complete the additional work in order to try and meet the timeline for completion of the project.

Further, once the degree of rot was known, the hired consultants (a structural engineer and a building envelope specialist) both agreed that a pedestal and shim system should be installed under the pavers to help ensure that all water would run off the structure. This would help to eliminate the rotting problem in the future, thus extending the lifespan of the facility. Again, staff approved this additional work in an effort to complete the project within a reasonable timeframe.

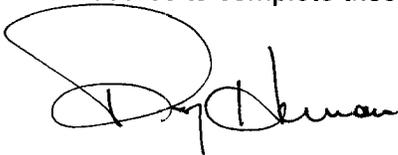
Later in February the stairs were removed, and rot was noted. It has been determined that two sets of stairs require repair work, while the third set of stairs needs to be completely replaced. The structure usually has two sets of permanent stairs, and a third set that can be added for specific performances. This work has not taken place pending Council approval.

Last week staff were advised that the wood railing panels also had evidence of rot once they were removed. The consultant has suggested that the wood be replaced with aluminum, but this work has not taken place pending Council approval.

Staff have now received invoicing/quotation for the extra work which totals \$15,657 plus GST. The majority of the extra costs pertain to the work that has already been completed. Replacement of the railings with aluminum railings is quoted at \$1,440 plus GST, while replacing the third set of stairs is quoted at \$1,200 plus GST. Council has the option of not moving forward with the third set of stairs at this time, although the MHA's park manager has advised that he would like to see all the stairs available. The railings need to be replaced as this would be a safety issue.

In order to meet the normal spring booking deadline at Fraser River Heritage Park staff approved proceeding with the major components of the required repair work.

The Director of Finance has suggested that the General Capital Reserve Fund be utilized as a funding source to complete these repairs.



Ray Herman
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture



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Subject: Fencing at Municipal Hall

Recommendation

1. That Council provide staff with direction regarding the fencing of grassed areas surrounding Municipal Hall;
2. That, if the project is approved, funding of \$25,700 plus GST be provided from 2009 Contingency;
3. That \$1,100 be added to the Parks, Recreation & Culture core operating budget; and
4. That the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

Background

Given ongoing vandalism issues, Council has requested budgetary information to install fencing around the grassed areas outside of Municipal Hall.

Staff have obtained budgetary pricing for a post-and-rail fence similar to the one installed at Lightburn Park last year. This fence has been successful in keeping vehicles off the grass and looks more attractive than chain link fencing.

The quotation received is for \$25,700 plus GST. This would see fencing established along the grassed areas at the front, side and rear of Municipal Hall. Please note that this quotation assumes that the metal guard rail along Dewdney Trunk Road and Stave Lake Street will remain in place. The quotation also includes three gates (one at each location) so that Parks staff can get grass cutting machinery into the respective areas.

The contractor has suggested a timeline of 4 weeks to complete the work, depending on weather.

There will also be an operating budget impact, as staff will need to spend an additional hour during the growing season to trim grass around the fence posts. The operating budget would require an additional \$1,100 annually.

The Director of Finance has suggested 2009 Contingency as a funding source for this project.

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Ray Herman
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture