



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

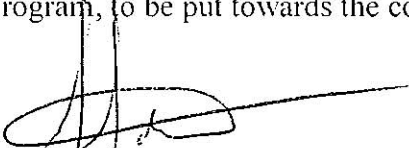
To General Purposes - July 7, 2008

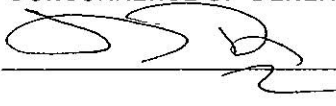
To: General Purposes Committee
From: Greg Scott, P. Eng., LEED A.P.
Director, Major Projects
Re: B.C. Spirit Squares Grant – Riverside Plaza at the Richmond Oval

Date: May 23, 2008
File: 03-1000-18-044
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Recommendation:

That the General Manager of Olympic Business and Major Projects or his delegate be authorized to execute an agreement necessary to accept \$500,000.00 of funding through the B.C. Spirit Squares Program, to be put towards the construction of Riverside Plaza at the Richmond Oval.


Greg Scott, P. Eng., LEED A.P.
Director, Major Projects
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REVIEWED BY TAG	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED BY CAO	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Origin

In January, 2007, City staff learned of the provincial government's B.C. Spirit Squares Program, which was established to provide grants to public open space projects with the following objectives:

- Enhancement of the social, cultural and economic well being of the community;
- Support for compact, walkable communities and improved pedestrian network;
- Demonstration of excellence in urban design.

An opportunity was identified to apply for a grant, to add value to the Richmond Oval site development at the Riverside Plaza. On February 12, 2007, Council approved the following motion:

- (1) *That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the enhancement of the Riverside Waterfront Park on the Middle Arm adjacent to the Richmond Oval.*

In August, 2007, Staff received notification that Richmond will receive a \$500,000 grant. The funding would be used to augment the scope of work at the Riverside Plaza.

Analysis

Staff has reviewed the B.C. Spirit Squares Program agreement that was forwarded by the provincial government to the City for review and signing.

Key conditions in the agreement are as follows:

- The Recipient will complete the project by the December 31, 2008;
- The Recipient is solely responsible for all aspects of the project, including planning, design, construction, worker and public safety;
- The Recipient will, upon completion of the project, retain title to and ownership of the assets resulting from the project;
- The Recipient will, in all communications referring to the project funded under the agreement, recognize the funding through the program.

Staff has determined that the City can comply with the above conditions as well as all others contained within the agreement.

Financial Impact

Under the terms of the B.C. Spirit Squares Program agreement, the City will receive \$500,000.00. Upon execution of the agreement, \$300,000.00 will be paid to the City. The remaining \$200,000.00 will be paid upon receipt of construction progress reports submitted by the City.

Conclusion

To accept the B.C. Spirit Squares Program funding, staff needs authorization from Council to execute any agreement necessary.

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Doug Shearer
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