



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Dave Semple
 General Manager, Parks and Recreation
Re: Middle Arm Waterfront Greenway Enhancements

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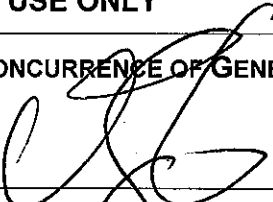
Staff Recommendation

That \$312,000 be funded from Parks DCCs and be included as part of the 2010 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw amendment to augment the Middle Arm Waterfront Greenway budget for enhanced recreational opportunities.



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Staff Report

Origin

The Middle Arm Waterfront Greenway Update approved by Council on July 26, 2010 outlined the status of the project and provided an update on the funding sources. Further to that update, additional opportunities have been identified to enhance amenities and services. The purpose of this report is to outline the Capital requirements to construct these enhancements and to propose the funding strategy for Council's approval.

This report responds to Council's term goal, "*Ensure the City has the capacity to meet the financial challenges of today and in the future, while maintaining appropriate levels of service.*"

Analysis

The amenities that have been constructed on the Middle Arm Waterfront Greenway are intended to serve current uses and user groups and to accommodate expansion in the future as growth in City Centre occurs. The Yacht Club, Navy League and the UBC Boathouse all provide programs on the water and are making use of the new amenities. The River Seating near the Dinsmore Bridge, Boater's Row Plaza adjacent to the Boathouse and the Amphitheatre have improved services for those current user groups and will allow for expanded programming in the future. Three additional opportunities, as shown on attachment 1, have been identified:

1. Navy League Pier – cost \$185,000

The Navy League has use of a City owned float that was accessed by a small, functional pier. The opportunity under consideration is to significantly enlarge the pier structure to create a public observation point and rest area along the Greenway, and to allow for expansion of the attached float in the future. This is a DCC eligible expense as it is a part of the trails system.

2. User Groups Access Improvements – cost \$92,000

Several improvements have been identified through discussions with the user groups that will increase safety and ease of use for all (i.e. separation between parking and greenway trail, parking lot driveway widening). These are DCC eligible expenses since they include trail access, irrigation, and drainage.

3. Access Stairs and Fire Fighter Access - \$35,000

Access to the UBC Boathouse has been modified by the greenway construction. Stairs from River Road to the Boaters Row Plaza would provide a direct route from parking along the road side up to the Greenway and improve fire fighter access. This is a DCC eligible expense as it is a part of the trails system.

Total Cost of Proposed Enhancements - \$312,000

In consideration of construction efficiencies and the objectives of the project's funding partners, completion of these amenities before the end of 2010 is desirable. In addition, the amenities proposed are consistent with the Provincial and Federal funding partners funding programs and would add value to their investments in the project.

Financial Impact

The total cost of these proposed amenities is \$312,000. This is available from Parks DCCs.

Conclusion

The proposed additional amenities will not only improve services to existing users but will allow for expansion of programs and the introduction of new programs and uses. Completion of these amenities now will capitalize on construction efficiencies and minimize disruption to programs in the future. The proposed work would be completed before December 31, 2010.



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