

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2015 June 18

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**FILE:** 7600-20

**SUBJECT:** OPERATING GAMING FUND PROJECT REQUESTS

**PURPOSE:** To request approval for the use of the Operating Gaming Fund to fund fourteen community projects.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Financial Management Committee recommend Council approve \$867,500 from the Operating Gaming Fund to fund fourteen projects as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

Fourteen projects to be funded from the Operating Gaming Fund totaling \$867,500 are being submitted for the consideration of the Financial Management Committee.

**1.0 OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS*****1.1 Pedestrian Bridge Cleaning and Improvements - \$200,000***

This project is to provide cleaning and improvements for the following four pedestrian bridges:

- McMurray
- Sperling
- Griffiths
- Barnet Beach

A planned strategy of cost-effective treatments has been developed to preserve the bridges. The work will maintain or improve the condition and safety of the bridges. Improvements include the structural treatment of laminated wood beams for UV protection; application of anti-skid surface treatment; replacement of steel railings and glass barriers; and painting.

***1.2 Bob Prittie Metrotown Library Interior Painting - \$100,000***

This project is for interior painting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bob Prittie Metrotown Library branch. The Bob Prittie Metrotown Library is the main branch of the City's library services. This civic building and community gathering space overlooks civic square in the heart of Metrotown. New paint will significantly update the third floor Administration, Home Library Services,

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Acquisitions and Cataloguing departments, and provide patrons and community groups with a more pleasurable user experience in the boardroom. The interior painting will provide visual linkage with the recently completed new entrance to the branch. The Metrotown Library attracts 687,000 visitors per year.

**1.3 City Vacant Lots and Laneway Clean-up - \$100,000**

This project is for the clean-up of City-owned vacant lots and laneways. Work activities include the removal of litter and dumped materials; increased vegetation control; and construction of berms and /or fencing to prevent illegal dumping. The clean-up of vacant lots adjacent to Parks will include removal of invasive species; improve accessibility where applicable; address safety concerns and enhance the aesthetics of the surrounding area.

**1.4 Bob Prittie Metrotown, McGill and Tommy Douglas Libraries – Holiday Lights - \$100,000**

This project encompasses adding festive and celebratory illumination to each library branch for the holidays. These branches attract over 100,000 visitors in the month of December.

**1.5 Roads & Drainage/Parks Boulevard & Median Improvements - \$75,000**

Funding is being requested for a pilot project on boulevard and median surface treatments to reduce operational costs while maintaining or improving aesthetics.

**1.6 Burnaby Golf Beautification - \$68,500**

This project is for the upgrade and beautification of 16,000 sq. ft. shrub beds; conversion to maintenance free surfaces to dramatically improve the landscape and decrease the operation time to maintain the grounds. There are nine areas around the golf course that are proposed for beautification. These planting areas would consist mainly of native shrubbery, but in specific areas, like the first and tenth tee, would have some accent flowerbeds added.

**1.7 Burnaby Village Museum Display - \$50,000**

A collection of ten frogs will be created to be used as eco-sculptures in the summer at various parks and decorated in the winter as part of the Burnaby Village Museum display.

**1.8 McGill Library Exterior Signage - \$50,000**

This project includes design, fabrication, and installation of new exterior signage for McGill Library. The McGill Library is an important civic building in the Heights area and part of the leisure and recreational services complex at Albert Street and Willingdon Avenue. New signage will enhance the appearance of the McGill Library branch and provide greater visibility from the adjacent streetscape. The McGill Library attracts 445,000 visitors per year.

**1.9 Site Clean-up and Improvements for the Kushiro Visit - \$40,000**

This project will include extra power washing of benches, plaques and walkways in preparation for the Kushiro visit. In addition more intensive repairs will be undertaken at the City Hall Kushiro Garden and Burnaby Mountain Playground of the Gods. At the City Hall location the fountain will be drained, sludge removed, pump cleaned and made to work, and the waterfall will be reinstated. On Burnaby Mountain the new Kushiro Park sign and interpretive plaque on a granite plinth will be installed. The Playground of the Gods will have the base recovered with crush rock and the potholes in the grass area throughout the site will be filled and re-seeded.

**1.10 North Road Median Maintenance - \$25,000**

North Road center median work includes landscaping, weeding, pruning, litter collection, and irrigation. Funding was contributed by both Coquitlam and Burnaby for enhancement of the center median on North Road beneath the guideway. There was no annual operating funding budgeted for when the project is completed and transferred to the City for maintenance.

**1.11 Bob Prittie Metrotown Library - First Floor Interior Signage - \$20,000**

The recently completed renovation to the entrance of the branch has received extremely positive comments from the library patrons. Integrated into the design and construction of the entrance are attractive signage elements. Funding is requested to extend the look and feel of the new entranceway signage to the interior of the Library. This will provide an overall enhancement to the branch and provide attractive, informative, and consistent visual identity throughout the branch. The Metrotown Library attracts 687,000 visitors per year.

**1.12 Invasive Plant Removal Follow-up Replanting - \$15,000**

Through the invasive plant management program, Knotweed has been removed from parks and roadways in multiple locations throughout the City. These areas now need to have native plants replanted. High profile, high public use locations such as the edge of Deer Lake and the Burnaby Village Museum have been identified as a priority; twenty park sites have bare patches to be replanted.

**1.13 Bus Shelter Beautification - \$14,000**

This project would entail the removal of garbage and cleaning of concrete pads near bus shelters.

**1.14 Re-Installation and Lighting of Sculptures - \$10,000**

This project is for the installation of eagle frames at Marine Drive and Gagliardi Way and Lougheed Highway intersection. The frames originally built for the World Police and Fire Games are in storage and can be reinstalled with up-lighting to create focal points along these major roadways.

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## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The current Operating Gaming Fund balance is \$3,755,454. The 2015 Operating Budget has \$1,030,000 one-time expenditures from the Operating Gaming Fund, leaving a total of \$2,725,454 to fund special projects as approved by Council. It is recommended that the Financial Management Committee recommend Council approve \$867,500 from the Operating Gaming Fund to fund fourteen projects as outlined in this report.



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