

COMMISSION REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
COMMISSION

DATE: 2018 March 09

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

FILE: 61100-20

SUBJECT: CENTRAL PARK PERIMETER TRAIL: PATTERSON SECTION

PURPOSE: To request a capital reserve fund bylaw to finance the project outlined in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council authorize the City Solicitor to bring forward a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw in the amount of \$1,800,000 to finance the project outlined in this report.

REPORT**INTRODUCTION**

Central Park is located west of Metrotown and on the border of the City of Vancouver. Tens of thousands of residents in surrounding high-rises and Western Canada's second largest commercial mall are located next to Central Park. The Skytrain rail line and station sit adjacent to the park, making it the most accessible park in the region. This popular destination park features a second growth Coastal Douglas Fir forest which covers approximately 64 hectares, or 75% of the park. Besides the natural forest ecology, the park offers a wealth of recreational opportunities, including golf, swimming, tennis, group picnic areas, and accessible playgrounds. Central Park is one of the most visited parks in the City with over one-half of Burnaby's 250,000 residents visiting the park and attractions in a typical year.

Central Park currently has limited pedestrian or bicycle access to the park. The current paths are made up of materials which are not accessible and provide only limited and disconnected circulation along busy arterial roads. The proposed multi-use trail will create an accessible and safe access into the park as well as a recreational route for people to enjoy for walking and biking. The Burnaby resident Needs and Preference

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and biking. The Burnaby resident Needs and Preference Study cited walking, hiking and recreational cycling as the most desirable recreational activities in the City.

POLICY SECTION

The Central Park perimeter trail: Patterson section is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the plan:

A Safe Community

- Transportation

A Connected Community

- Geographic connection

A Healthy Community

- Healthy life
- Healthy environment

Central Park Perimeter Trail (DPW.0237)

\$1,800,000(estimated)

The Central Park perimeter project along Patterson will provide the second section of the multi-use trail segment that will eventually circumnavigate the perimeter of Central Park in Burnaby. The Patterson leg is 825 meters in length along the east perimeter of the park along Patterson Avenue stretching from Imperial Street to the Patterson Skytrain station. The multi-use trail will be 4 m. or less in width depending on tree, roadside, and utility conditions. A double row of trees will be planted along this route to provide shade and color. The path surface will be porous, and resilient, offering comfort for walking and jogging while being cycling friendly. The porous surface will promote quick drying, as well as provide water and air percolation to important tree root systems nearby. Future phases will include: the south perimeter along Imperial Street replacing an existing sidewalk and gravel path, the northeast perimeter along Patterson to Kingsway replacing an existing sidewalk and the northwest leg from the Central Park Pool around Swangard Stadium to Kingsway. The total future multi-use trail circuit will both circumnavigate the park and have an east/west additional connection through the BC Parkway. The entire project will be realized in phases over the next 5 years as funding permits.

Detail design and construction documents have been initiated for the Patterson leg of the trail in anticipation of tender and construction in 2018 and 2019. Expenditure of this funding is planned as follows: \$1,469,300 in 2018 and \$330,700 in 2019.

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SUMMARY

This project is the second phase of a longer continuous multi-use trail on three sides of the park that will connect on the north to the BC Parkway Trail and in the future extend to Kingsway. The first leg of the trail along Boundary Road was complete and open in 2018. As of the end of 2017, this project has received funding of \$1,800,000: approximately \$1,457,300 from internal bylaw reserves, \$80,000 from Gas Reserves, and \$262,700 from Federal and other grants. This report is requesting an additional \$1,800,000 for a total project cost of \$3,600,000 to date. The continuation of the trail segments around the park perimeter and eventual connection to Kingsway will offer safe, accessible, and convenient access, enhanced recreational opportunities for commuters and a new venue for community groups to host fundraising runs and walks.

These expenditures are included in the 2018 – 2022 Provisional Financial Plan and sufficient Capital Reserve Funds are available to finance the capital projects outlined in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

A yearly funding plan has been approved for Central Park including this work within the 5-Year Capital Plan 2018-2022 to continue the project to completion. It is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council authorize the City Solicitor to bring forward a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw in the amount of \$1,800,000 to complete the design and construction of the second phase of the perimeter trail.



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