

COMMISSION REPORT

TO: PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION **DATE:** 2018 Nov. 01

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES **FILE:** 61000-01

SUBJECT: BARNET MARINE PARK - SOUTHEAST PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION

PURPOSE: To request a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw to finance the southeast parking lot reconstruction at Barnet Marine Park.

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 \$1,950,000 to finance the southeast parking lot reconstruction at Barnet Marine Park as outlined in this report.

REPORT**INTRODUCTION**

Barnet Marine Park is a destination park in North Burnaby. The popularity of the park has brought with it parking and overcrowding problems that today pose unsafe conditions for the public and staff trying to manage the site use (Attachment #1).

The parking lots and entry road at Barnet Marine Park were constructed over 35 years ago and are in need of reconstruction so it is an opportune time to review the operational needs and rebuild the southeast parking lot and entry road to current safety codes and improve accessibility standards for both cars and pedestrians through the reconstruction project.

POLICY SECTION

The southeast parking lot reconstruction at Barnet Marine Park is aligned with the City of Burnaby Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the plan.

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- A Safe Community
 - Transportation safety
 - Community amenity safety
- A Connected Community
 - Geographic connection
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life
 - Healthy environment

**Southeast Parking Lot Reconstruction
(DPW.0272)**

\$1,950,000 (estimated)

To control vehicular movement and to prevent illegal parking, it is proposed that vehicle access into the core active recreation zone north of the railway tracks be restricted. The exception to the rule would be controlled entry for park use such as:

- deliveries of supplies for booked large groups picnics/events,
- drop off canoes and paddle boats,
- for wheelchair access and senior bus tour drop offs,
- for emergency vehicle access.

To enable the changes to occur, the existing southeast parking lot would need modifications to allow a parking drop off and turn around zone, reconfiguration of parking stalls and changes to driving lane movements. A preliminary review of options for road and parking conditions was initiated to find the best solution given the site constraints. The proposed plan as shown in Attachment #2 provides changes to traffic flow/drop off zones, addition of dedicated handicap parking stalls with an overall increase the number of parking stalls from 135 to 138, a universally accessible walkway from the highway and across the rail track through to the core of the park; improvements to environment through addition of bio-filtration drainage systems, oil interceptors, and curb and gutter along the parking area.

Planned expenditures are as follows:

Project Mask	2018 Plan	2019 Plan	Total
DPW.0272	750,000	1,200,000	1,950,000

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

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RECOMMENDATION

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 \$1,950,000 to finance the project outlined in this report.



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Attachments (2)

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Copied to: Director Planning and Building
Director Finance
Director Engineering
City Solicitor
Director Public Safety and Community Services

Current Condition

The park congestion problem demonstrates how vehicle owners have caused congestion and safety concerns by parking in driveway zones, across railway tracks and in open lawn areas. This has been a growing problem over the past decade.

Parks Maintenance and Parks Patrol staff are on site 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with additional staff on weekends to manage picnic allotments and maintain/clean high use zones. Staff have also engaged the RCMP to police the parking problems, however, despite onsite instructions, 74 Bylaw tickets are typically issued between June and September on weekends for “No Stopping” on roadways and Mundies Towing have towed away on average 70 cars each year, after the gates are locked at 10 p.m.



Proposed Concept Plan

