

2 Recommendations

1. **Item No. Foo5** 2017 Five-Year (2017-2021) Financial Plan – Capital Program
File: 1705-05

That Council:

1. Approve the capital projects as outlined in Section 3.0 of Corporate Report Foo5; and
2. Direct staff to prepare the 2017 Five-Year (2017-2021) Capital Financial Plan incorporating these projects.

2. **Annual Property Tax Levy**
File: 1705-05

That Council approve an increase to the annual property tax levy by 0.54% with those funds restricted to support the Capital Program.

Present:

Councillor Gill - Chair
Councillor Hayne
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Martin
Councillor Starchuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Woods

Absent:

Mayor Hepner
Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
Manager, Financial Reporting
Manager, Financial Services
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development

A. PRESENTATION BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Manager Financial Services provided an overview of the 2017 Five-Year (2017-2021) Financial Plan – Capital Program as outlined in Corporate Report Foo5 as follows:

- In consideration of the growth in East Clayton and expected development in West Clayton, the planning and concept design of a new community hub was completed in 2016. The detailed design will be initiated in 2017. The total Project budget is expected to be \$41.8 million.
- With it being necessary to plan and build a replacement facility for the North Surrey Arena, a phased 3 sheet sports complex in South Westminster with an anticipated multi-year budget requirement of \$52.0 million.
- The phase 2 Surrey Museum expansion to be completed in the fall of 2018 is anticipated to cost \$10.0 million.
- Cloverdale Twin Ice Surface Project is a multi-year project that will cost \$35.0 million.
- RCMP Space Renovations at old City Hall, artificial turf field at the Cloverdale Athletic Park, and the creation Newton Urban Park were also highlighted from the list of General Capital Projects listed in the report.
- The total funding amounts from Development Cost Charges, GVTA (Translink) and sundry developer costs available in 2017 for all Engineering and Parks-related capital infrastructure projects are \$191.4 million.

B. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

D. Jack, President, Surrey Environmental Partners: The delegation expressed the following comments:

- Similar to the Levy the City instituted in order to provide for and maintain Surrey's road network, Surrey Environmental Partners propose the City institute a Levy of 1% in order to properly provide for the Biodiversity Conservation/Green Infrastructure Network.
- Living Legacy Parks was first suggested to the City in 2006 to address future population increases in its natural area parks acquisition strategy, primarily through Development Cost Charges (DCC's). Living Legacy parks were conceived to be larger in size, such as Surrey Bend and Tynehead.
- The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) illustrates the general area where several such parks could be located. The BCS is a minimal measure and does not include all the high value biodiversity/ecological lands of Surrey.
- As requested, Surrey Environmental Partners proposed highly eligible lands in the southeast quadrant of Surrey, which became more specific over time. However much of that area is now constrained by subsequent development and fragmentation.
- The area generally bounded by 20 Avenue and 184 Street to 0 Avenue and 196 Street is where Surrey has the greatest possibility for Living Legacy Parks. The area is critical for BCS and Green Infrastructure Network (GIN) aspects. Environmental assessment shows there are very high ecological value lands there and that they are important not only locally to Surrey but also for regional values.
- The Levy is essential for Surrey to be able to fulfill the intent of the BCS/GIN. It is all tied in with the concept of Living Legacy Parks, correct riparian setbacks and the acquisition of smaller areas of important high and medium ecological value lands throughout the city.
- In response to a question from Council, the delegation noted that she had a conversation with Metro Vancouver with regard to incorporating a regional park in the lower SE corner of Surrey, a continuum of the regional parks in the SW quadrant of Langley. She noted that the Regional Parks Plan criteria were reviewed relative to this area meets this criteria, however Metro Vancouver does not have any funding for this until 2018. The delegation further noted that what is needed is to have strong support from the City of Surrey, the Metro Vancouver Board.

Surrey Environmental Partners requested that the Finance Committee implement a Levy of 1% for acquisition of the Biodiversity Conservation/Green Infrastructure Network lands, to be supplemented as required.

D. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Woods

Seconded by Councillor LeFranc

That the Finance Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Finance Committee adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chairperson