



Corporate

NO: R204

Report

COUNCIL DATE: October 21, 2002

REGULAR			
TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	October 9, 2002
FROM:	General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR	FILE:	1855-01
SUBJECT:	Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre - Infrastructure Grant		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Commit \$5.0 Million, available from savings in the current and prior years' Capital Program, towards the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre.
2. Endorse the attached Schedule A of priorities for the over-all ranking of Surrey submissions to the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program.

INTENT

To respond to the letter from the Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise dated September 26th 2002, regarding the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program application for the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre, requesting a resolution stating the specific dollar amount that Council has committed for the project and that this application is our number two priority for the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program funding.

BACKGROUND

Council has already provided a number of endorsements concerning the planning for a new Museum and Archives within the proposed Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre:

October 19, 2000 Council directed staff to prepare applications at the appropriate time for capital funding from the senior levels of government including the Infrastructure Program (R241).

On March 25, 2002, Council endorsed the application for the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre for funding under the Federal-Provincial Infrastructure Program. Council further resolved that they intended to include one-third matching (\$5 Million) for the Learning and Discovery Centre in the 2003 Financial Plan (R053).

On May 13, 2002, Council passed a further resolution establishing the Learning and Discovery Centre as one of the City's top three priorities in relation to Infrastructure Program funding (R098).

DISCUSSION

The Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise, responsible for the Canada/British Columbia Infrastructure Program, has requested further documentation/clarification which, we will provide. Part of the required documentation is a Council Resolution stating the amount of the City's share (\$5.0 Million).

Savings of \$5.0 Million have been identified in the current and prior years' Capital Program which, could be directed towards this project.

The following priorities were outlined in Corporate Report R098 and endorsed by Council on May 13, 2002:

Project	Priority
· Water Metering Program	1 (\$6,180,000 granted May, 2002)
· Energy Conservation Retrofits	2
· Learning and Discovery Centre	3
· East Clayton Drainage Standards	4 (\$862,000 granted June, 2002)
· Heritage Rail Revitalization	5
· East Newton Sanitary Pump Station	6
· Fleetwood Water Booster Station	7
· Gray Creek Pump Station	8
· Scott Road (96 Ave. to 103 A Ave.)	9

The Ministry is requesting an updated listing of our priorities, providing them with confirmation that the Learning and Discovery Centre is our Number Two priority. This revised list is detailed in Schedule A.

CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise has requested additional documentation/clarification on our Infrastructure grant application for the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre. Specifically, the Ministry requires a resolution stating the dollar value of Council's commitment towards the project. I therefore, recommend that \$5.0 Million, identified as savings in the current and prior years' capital program, be committed to the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre. Further, it is recommended that Council endorse Schedule A as the ranked list of Infrastructure Grant Projects, showing the Learning and Discovery Centre as the Number Two priority for the City.

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CC: General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SCHEDULE A

PRIORITY LISTING FOR CITY OF SURREY'S SUBMISSIONS TO THE CANADA-BRITISH COLUMBIA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

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