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Report

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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	February 19, 2002
FROM:	General Manager, Planning and Development	FILE:	0135-02 (B.C. Building Code)
SUBJECT:	Grants to Offset the Building Permit Fees for Building Envelope Remediation		

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the value of grants that have been given by the City to offset the costs of building permit fees, related to building permits that have been issued for repairs to building envelopes in multiple family residential developments (leaky condominiums).

BACKGROUND

At its January 24, 2000, Regular meeting, Council approved a grant program for the owners of leaky condominiums to offset the costs of the building permit fees associated with obtaining building permits for building envelope repairs. Under the program, the owners of buildings that meet a defined set of criteria, are reimbursed the cost of the building permit fee at the time a building permit is issued for undertaking repairs in relation to alleged premature building envelope failure on multiple family residential developments.

Council also directed that, as part of the grant program, staff provide Council with an annual report which documents the value of the grants that were issued in the preceding year, together with the total amount of such grants issued since the inception of the program at the start of 2000. This report responds to Council's request.

DISCUSSION

In 2001, ten building permit applications were processed for repairs to building envelopes of multiple family residential buildings. The developments related to these building permits included seven apartment building projects and three townhouse projects. A total of \$57,019 was provided under the grant program to offset the cost of the building permit fees that were payable in relation to these building permits.

Since the inception of the subject grant program, through to the end of 2001, the City has issued grants totalling approximately \$186,000. Staff expect that there will be further building permit applications in 2002 that will qualify for grants under the subject program.

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