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Report

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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	July 9, 2002
FROM:	General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture	FILE:	6140-20/M
SUBJECT:	Reallocation of Capital Funding from Crescent Beach Walkway to Mud Bay Park		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the transfer of \$250,000 in the 2002 Capital Budget from the Crescent Beach Walkway project to the Mud Bay Park project.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council had approved \$250,000 in the 2002 Capital Budget for the commencement of a walkway from Crescent Beach southward toward White Rock. After the budget was approved, Dillon Consulting was hired to carry out a feasibility study on the project including design, costing, environmental issues and stakeholder feedback. One of the findings was that the review of the project by environmental agencies will take about two years with 2004 or 2005 being the earliest possible construction date. Therefore, this funding becomes available for reallocation, even though environmental review work will continue on the Crescent Beach Walkway Project so as to ready it for construction as expeditiously as possible.

Another project given a very high priority for development is Mud Bay Park. This site serves not only as a waterfront park, but as a key link in the Official Spur of the Trans Canada Trail. On June 12, GVRD Parks Committee approved \$250,000 toward the development of the greenway in Mud Bay Park which links with the Boundary Bay Regional Park greenway; this was approved on the basis that these funds would be matched by Surrey. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission supported such a partnership at their April 17 meeting.

The City acquired this 38-acre waterfront park in 2001. A concept plan (Attachment 1) was developed in conjunction with key environmental stakeholders that keeps the main park area natural with a perimeter dyke trail (see attached plan). One of the primary features of this park is that it serves as a key link and access node for the Trans-Canada Trail (Attachment 2). It links to the north and east with the Serpentine Greenway, and to the west with Boundary Bay Regional Greenway.

SUMMARY

The Crescent Beach Walkway project will require a considerable period of time before environmental reviews and approvals allow it to proceed. The development of Mud Bay Park and the greenway connection to Delta will provide a major link in the Official Spur of the Trans-Canada Trail. The recent approval by the GVRD of \$250,000 in matching funds would allow this project to be completed in 2002. Funds for the Crescent Beach Walkway project will be identified in a future capital budget based upon environmental approvals.

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Attach.

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