# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- NOVEMBER 19,2001

# PRE-BUDGET APPROVAL FOR STAGE FLOOR AT CITY PLAYHOUSE

# **Recommendation**

The Director of Recreation and Culture in consultation with the Director or Reserves and Investments and the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks recommends

That the 2002 Capital Project # 9908 – 0, in the amount of \$18,900.00 plus GST to replace the masonite stage floor at the City Playhouse be given pre-budget approval and,

That the source of funding be the City Playhouse Reserve.

# <u>Purpose</u>

Pre-budget approval is required in order to replace the masonite top sheet of stage floor as soon as possible.

# **Background - Analysis and Options**

The City Playhouse Theatre has been operational for five years and to date, the flooring has never been replaced. It is not uncommon that the masonite floor finish on theatre stages require replacement after a period of time. Over this past year it had been noted that the condition of the stage floor was deteriorating and a replacement floor (top portion of the floor assembly only) would be required. As such, 2400 square feet of new masonite flooring was included in the 2002 Capital Budget funded from the City Playhouse Reserve.

On reviewing the list of confirmed renters for the remaining 2001 and early 2002 season, it was noted that a number of renters are dance groups and that the current condition of the stage floor is unsatisfactory

# Conclusion

The current condition of the stage floor at the City Playhouse is unacceptable. In order to provide a suitable stage floor, the masonite floor finish should be replaced as soon as possible.

The cost of the floor is \$18,900.00 plus GST. This amount has been included in the 2002 Capital Budget with the source of funding being the City Playhouse Reserve.

# <u>Attachment</u>

Confidential memo for Mayor and Members of Council only

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Respectfully submitted,

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