

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 4, 2001**

### **VELLORE HALL SQUARE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 5852-0**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

That additional funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 be approved from Heritage Funding for the development of Vellore Hall Square.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose is to obtain Council approval for additional funding.

#### **Background - Analysis**

The development of Vellore Hall Square is being undertaken as part of the 2001 capital budget. This project is unique in that council approved part of the funding in the 2001 capital budget and the developer, as required in their subdivision agreement, is funding the remainder

The concept for this park was presented at a public meeting in the spring of this year and was well received. Although this park will be used in part by the local neighbourhood, its importance, due to its heritage buildings, is of value to the entire City.

There are two primary reasons for this request for additional funding. The first is the provision of a new lit parking lot as part of this construction. The original cost estimate for the parking lot was based on repaving the existing lot. The decision to relocate and light the parking lot has meant that the contractor has incurred significant additional costs to prepare the required base and provide the electrical service. Moving the parking lot was critical to the design of this park and has allowed us to create a pedestrian courtyard with planting and seating in the area between the two heritage buildings.

Additional funding is also requested to enable us to provide a more detailed residential / heritage planting scheme to the park which is beyond what we would typically do for a neighbourhood park but is appropriate for a site of such significance to the City.

Once completed we believe this park will provide a facility which may be used for both informal family use and events such as receptions and photo opportunities.

#### **Conclusion**

Staff recommends that additional funding be provided.

#### **Attachments**

none

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Respectfully submitted,

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