

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE – MAY 26, 2003**

### **OAKBANK POND WOOD DECK – EMERGENCY REPAIR FUNDING REQUEST**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks recommends:

1. That \$75,000.00 (plus G.S.T.), be approved for emergency repairs for the wood deck at Oakbank Pond.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek pre-budget approval for funding to undertake emergency repairs for the wood deck at Oakbank Pond.

#### **Background - Analysis**

The construction of the wood deck and associated landscaping at Oakbank Pond was tendered in June 1996 and work commenced following award of the contract. The construction was supervised by Parks Department staff and was completed in July of 1997.

Due to continual heavy snow loading and deterioration of the subsoil conditions, the deck has become structurally unstable in isolated areas. This situation has been closely monitored by Parks Department staff and the wood deck was closed to public access in April 2003. In May 2003, a structural assessment of the wood deck was undertaken by the City of Vaughan Building Standards Department in conjunction with Parks Department staff. The recommendation, given the structural instability of the deck, was that it should remain closed to public access until the repairs are completed.

#### **Conclusion**

That the Budget Committee approves pre-budget funding to undertake emergency repairs for the wood deck at Oakbank Pond.

#### **Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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