



Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **May 25,
2005**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks,
Recreation and Culture** FILE: **3900-02**

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendments to the Parks, Recreation &
Cultural Facilities Regulation By-law**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive this report as information.
2. Authorize the City Clerk to introduce an amending by-law for the *Parks, Recreation and Culture Facilities Regulation By law* 1998, No. 13480.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to provide Council with the background and rationale relating to the recommended amending of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Regulation By law 1998, No. 13480.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of revising the *Parks, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Regulation By-law 1998, No. 13480* ("the Regulation By-law") is to update the By-law to reflect the current community charter and to delegate appropriate administrative powers of Council relating to property held for pleasure, recreation and community purposes to the

General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture. These powers include such issues as:

- granting permits for a wide range of park and facility uses;
- collecting rentals and admission fees;
- authority to construct, equip and operate community facilities;
- prescribing rules and regulations for the use of parks and facilities.

DISCUSSION

Staff recommend that applicable powers of Council be delegated to the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture to effectively administer the Regulation By-law on behalf of the City and report through the City Manager to Council.

In addition to delegating the applicable powers of Council to the General Manager, the draft amended Regulation By-law eliminates references to the *Local Government Act* in favour of references to the new *Community Charter*. The draft amended Regulation By-law also makes several housekeeping changes within the regulations that will allow more effective enforcement of the provisions of the by-law.

Legal Services has reviewed and approved the draft amended Regulation By-law, which is contained in *Appendix 1* of this report.

It should be noted that the proposed amended by-law does not limit the roles and responsibilities of the Parks and Community Services Committee, which will continue to operate within the Council approved Terms of Reference. The Committee's roles and responsibilities include making recommendations to Council on *Fees and Charges* and on any other policy-related matters within its mandate.

SUMMARY

The existing *Parks, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Regulation By-law* is outdated. This draft amended Regulation By-law delegates applicable powers of Council to the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, and includes some other minor changes that will facilitate efficient administration and allow effective enforcement of the by law.

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Attachment

APPENDIX 1

**Draft Amended Parks, Recreation and Cultural Facilities
By law 1998, No. 13480**