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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 7, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Planning and Development**

FILE: **6430-01**

SUBJECT: **TownShift International Design Competition- Phase 2
"TownShift Connected"**

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve Phase 2 of the TownShift International Design Competition Program, which is called "TownShift Connected", with the work program for this phase being as generally described in this report.

BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2009, Council directed staff to move forward with an International Design Competition process with respect to the public open spaces and special features in Surrey's five town centres.

A Steering Committee was formed to prepare a Terms of Reference for the Competition, which was conducted in late 2009 and early 2010. In March 2010, at a ceremony held at the SFU Surrey campus, the Mayor announced the competition winners for each town centre and an overall winner of the Competition. Subsequently, a town hall meeting was held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University to entertain a dialogue between the competition winners, a panel of experts and members of the community.

DISCUSSION

Based on the success of the TownShift Design Competition and the interest it raised in the community, it is proposed that the City proceed with a Phase 2 of the project, which is titled "TownShift Connected". This phase would consist of a series of community presentations, one in each of the five town centres. Each meeting would involve a synthesis of the submissions that were received during the Competition and would highlight key attributes from each submission in relation to the relevant town centre. There would be a presentation on the ideas and then an opportunity for dialogue with the community. A draft timeline for the Phase 2 "TownShift Connected" process is attached as Appendix I.

The "TownShift Connected" phase of the project would involve the following consultant team:

Chair:	Allen Aubert, Architect;
Documentation:	John Sprung, Educator, Kwantlen Polytechnic University;
AIBC Advisor:	Scott Kemp, Architect;
Content & Communications:	Trevor Body, Architect, Urban Designer; and
Surrey Liaison:	General Manager, Planning and Development.

Budget Considerations

The project budget is \$200,000. The Finance and Technology Department has confirmed that funds are available within the 2010 budget to cover the noted costs.

CONCLUSION

The Steering Committee structured for the TownShift International Design Competition has submitted a proposal with respect to Phase 2 of the project - "TownShift Connected", which will include synthesizing the information received through the Phase 1 Competition process and conducting presentations and generating dialogue related to those design ideas in each community by way of community meetings.

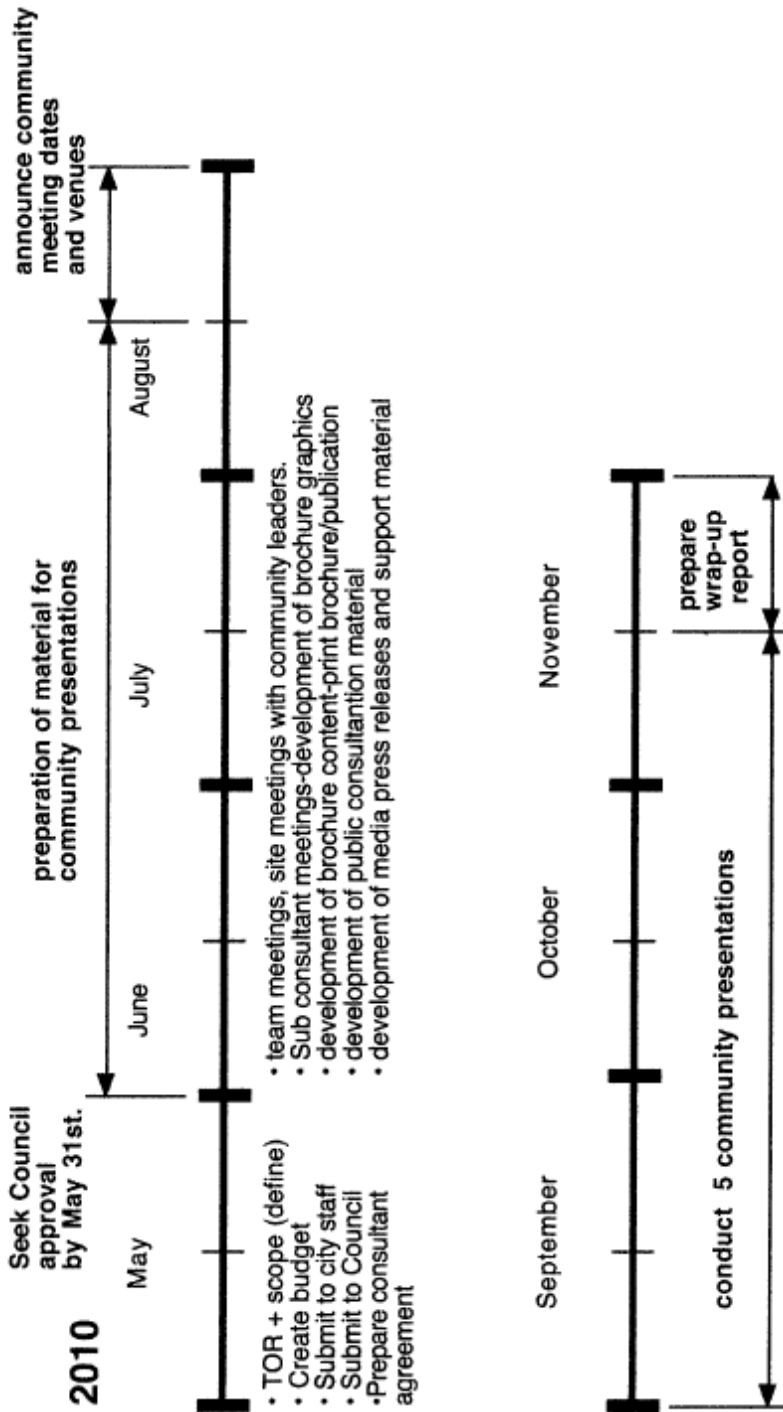
Based on the above discussion it is recommended that Council approve Phase 2 of the TownShift International Design Competition Program, which is called "TownShift Connected" with the work program for this phase being as generally described in this report.

Original signed by
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Planning and Development

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Attachment:

Appendix I TownShift Connected – Timeline for Community Presentation Process



Time line draft #2 -May 10 2010

TOWNSHIFT CONNECTED

Suburb Into City