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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 21, 2011**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **1855-03**

SUBJECT: **Application under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC) to Extend the Completion Deadline for Project #8378, Covered Youth Park**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. Support an application to Western Economic Diversification to extend the deadline to October 31, 2011 for completion of Project #8378, the "Covered Youth Park", under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program with the application to document the City's commitment to completing the project by October 31, 2011; and
2. Direct staff to submit a claim by April 30th, 2011 to Western Economic Diversification for eligible costs incurred on the project up to March 31, 2011.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval and a related Council resolution in support of an application to Western Economic Diversification for an extension from March 31st, 2011 to October 30th, 2011 for the completion of the Covered Youth Park project in Tom Binnie Park. The March 31, 2011 deadline is stipulated in the agreement between the City and the Federal government related to the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) grant that was received by the City from the Federal government for the subject project.

BACKGROUND

The Covered Youth Park project in Tom Binnie Park was awarded a grant of \$486,585 in 2010 under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC) component of the Canada Economic Action Plan. The RInC Program was focused on provided funding for recreational facility projects. The Program stipulated that projects for which grants were awarded were to be completed by March 31st, 2011.

On December 2, 2010, the Government of Canada announced that the deadline for completing Economic Action Plan infrastructure projects was being extended to October 31st, 2011 including projects that were provided with funding under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC). This extension will allow one more construction season for such projects to be completed.

Projects for which RInC grant funding was received by the City of Surrey are listed in Appendix 1. All of the projects except for the Covered Youth Park have been or will be completed by the original March 31st, 2011 deadline. The completion of the Covered Youth Park project has been delayed due to difficult winter weather conditions and unanticipated foundation preparation problems. Construction of the project will continue over the spring with a completion and grand opening date scheduled for the summer of 2011.

To qualify for a deadline extension, work on the project must have been commenced and eligible costs must have been incurred on the project before March 31st, 2011. The City's Covered Youth Park project qualifies for the extension as construction of the project has commenced and a claim will be submitted by April 30th, 2011 for expenses incurred on the project up to end of March 2011 as specified in the criteria for the extension.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council:

- Support an application to Western Economic Diversification to extend the deadline to October 31, 2011 for completion of Project #8378, the "Covered Youth Park", under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program with the application to document the City's commitment to completing the project by October 31, 2011; and
- Direct staff to submit a claim by April 30th, 2011 to Western Economic Diversification for eligible costs incurred on the project up to March 31, 2011.

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Projects for Which the City of Surrey Received RInC Grants

WD Project #	Project Name & Description	Amount of Federal Funding
8370	Kensington Prairie – renovations to existing gymnasium & school for use as a recreation centre	\$200,000
8372	Hjorth Road Park - artificial turf field	\$654,400
8374	Newton Recreation Centre - renovations to preschool room & Multipurpose Hall	\$133,333
8375	Cloverdale Arena and Curling Rink – renovations	\$ 41,660
8376	Greenaway Park Tennis Courts - resurfacing and replacement of fencing	\$ 66,667
8377	Newton Athletic Park - artificial turf field and upgrading of gravel field to turf	\$646,667
8378	Covered Youth Park in Tom Binnie Park – construction of youth facility with a full roof attached to the recreation centre	\$486,585
8379	Kwomais Point Park – renovations to Sanford Hall for multi-purpose programming and upgrades to The Lodge	\$ 82,500