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TO: **Mayor & Council**

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

FILE: **0800-20**
(North Surrey Pool)

SUBJECT: **North Surrey Recreation Centre Pool Wall Restoration –
Approval of Additional Contract Expenditure Authority**

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Authorize expenditure authority to a maximum of \$500,000, excluding HST, for the contract related to the restoration of the south wall at the North Surrey Recreation Centre Pool.

BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2010 during routine maintenance work staff determined that the south wall of the swimming pool area at the North Surrey Recreation Centre required immediate replacement since the brick cladding was compromised and could create a safety hazard if left unattended.

As a result, a Request for Quotation for the wall restoration at the North Surrey Recreation Centre was issued in August 2010. Six responses were received. The contract was subsequently awarded in October 2010 to the lowest bidder, Companion Construction Ltd, in the amount of \$320,793.70, excluding HST, based on staff authority as delegated by Council. The contract included removal of the compromised brick wall, refurbishment of the steel structure and the installation of new concrete, a new metal structure and new glazing. Construction of the project is now complete with the exception of some minor work.

DISCUSSION

During construction, due to changes made necessary by the discovery of several unexpected conditions that could not be observed until the wall was removed, some extra costs were incurred. These changes included:

- removal of additional structure within the wall that was not documented in the as-built drawings in the amount of \$20,000;
- removal of asbestos cement drainage pipe (only observed once the wall was removed) and reinstatement with a new pipe in the amount of \$65,000; and

- additional construction costs related to the structure not being square and vertical in the amount of \$8,500.

Facilities staff is satisfied that the City received fair value in relation to the cost of the above referenced changes to the scope of the contract.

Although the original contract amount was within staff's authority to approve, the extra costs as documented above have resulted in the total project costs exceeding staff authority to approve; hence the reason for this report to Council.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize the expenditure authority, to a maximum of \$500,000, excluding HST, for the contract related to restoration of the wall at the North Surrey Recreation Centre Pool.

Original signed by
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