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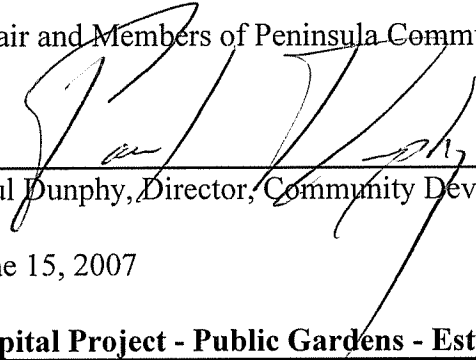


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Peninsula Community Council
July 9, 2007

TO: Chair and Members of Peninsula Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Paul Dunphy, Director, Community Development

DATE: June 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Capital Project - Public Gardens - Estate Bequest

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Members of the Peninsula Community Council requested an update on the status of the \$100,000 bequest from the Estate of Margaret Jarvis, in memory of her father, Tom Wallace. The bequest was to be dedicated toward a capital project in the Public Gardens, and the Friends of Public Gardens was to work with staff to develop a plan for these funds.

BACKGROUND

Staff extended a special invitation to the Friends of the Public Gardens to hold their Annual General Meeting in the newly renovated but not yet opened Horticultural Hall. The meeting was held Saturday May 26 th from 9:00 am to noon. At the meeting Peter Bigelow gave a tour of the new visitors entrance and made a formal presentation as to the current state of the Gardens with questions and answers. The presentation also gave an overview of current initiatives and future projects which might be of interest to the Friends as they decide what to do with the Margaret Jarvis Bequest.

DISCUSSION

At this time the bequest has been placed in the accounts of the Friends as they make decisions as to its use. A sub-committee has been struck to develop and evaluate suggestions. Staff and the subcommittee do not expect to meet until after the official opening of Horticultural Hall.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

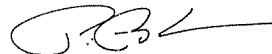
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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