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CITY OF KELOWNA

**MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** May 9, 2007  
**File No.:** 6130-09  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Joe Creron, Parks Manager  
**Subject:** **2006 Partners In Parks and Grant Summary**  
Report Prepared by: Carla Stephens

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following report be received as information.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Partners In Parks program continues to help enhance our municipal park system and foster community pride. In 2006 community organizations, developers, businesses and senior levels of government contributed more than \$1.4 million in cash or goods in kind representing almost 10% of Parks \$13.8 million capital budget in 2006 (excluding land acquisitions). This greatly reduced the City's reliance on tax dollars while at the same time encouraging public ownership and pride of municipal parks.

Enclosure I lists 2006 projects and funding. In addition to financial contributions many groups also made significant volunteer hour donations and goods in kind. For example the new playground at Rutland Lions Park was the result of more than 1,200 volunteer hours.

Partners in Parks projects include among other things tree planting, maintenance and capital projects such as playgrounds, park benches and trail development. Cash, volunteer hours and goods in kind are all welcome.

This year the Parks Division will begin to focus more on tree planting partnerships due to the pine and mountain beetle infestation. Approximately 50% of Kelowna's urban forest is pine; it is expected that up to 80% of these trees will be lost to the beetle in the next five years. As such Parks is trying to mobilize partners to minimize the impact of the loss of trees. We are also developing a program to encourage residents to plant trees on private property.

Staff continues to pursue funding opportunities for a number of projects including fuel modification, pine beetle infestation and Stuart Park. In addition, a number of community organizations and developers have already partnered with Parks for a variety of projects in 2007.

We would like to thank all our partners over the years for helping make Kelowna a great place to live.

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

**LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY: N/A**  
**LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A**  
**EXISTING POLICY: N/A**  
**FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: N/A**  
**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: N/A**  
**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A**  
**EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A**  
**ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION: N/A**

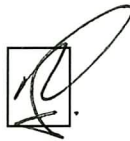
Submitted by:



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Joe Creron, Parks Manager

Approved for Inclusion:



cc: Andrew Gibbs, Park Design and Construction Supervisor  
Lorna Rowland, Landscape Technician

**PARTNERS IN PARKS AND GRANT SUMMARY**  
**2006 Projects and Funding**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COMMUNITY PARTNER</u>	<u>PARTNER CASH CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>CITY CONTRIBUTION</u>
Pine Beetle Management and Fuel Modification	Service Canada/UBCM	\$620,000	\$180,000
New Cenotaph - City Park	Kelowna Veendam Sister City Association	\$550,000	\$200,000
Construction of Providence Park	Kettle Valley Developments	\$131,000	\$50,000
New Playground -Rutland Lions Park	Saturn of Kelowna \$5,000 Home Depot \$47,000 Rutland Residents Assoc. \$11,000	\$63,000	\$10,000
Dedicated Benches/Tables	Various Donors	\$33,000	\$0
Handicap Ramp to Water - Rotary Beach Park	Mission Rotary Club,	\$14,555	\$670
Construction of Barlee Community Garden	Central Okanagan Community Garden Society	\$10,500	\$2,000
Lochview Trail from Lochview Road to Okanagan Lake	Ogopogo Rotary Club	\$10,000	\$10,000
Communities in Bloom	CIB Committee	\$3,000	\$5,000
Tree Planting and additional fencing - Rotary Marsh	Rotary Club of Kelowna, John Woodworth Central Okanagan foundation	\$3,000	\$600
Plaza benches - Gyro Park	Gyro Club	\$2,500	\$0
Maintenance - Hartman Community Garden	Central Okanagan Community Garden Society	\$500	\$0
Maintenance - Laurel Garden	Kelowna Garden Club (In Kind)	\$2,760	\$500
Planting, weeding and spring clean-up - Mission Recreation Wetland	Rotary Club of Kelowna (In Kind)	\$900	\$500
Weeding - Dilworth Mountain Park	OK Naturalists Club (In Kind)	\$900	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,441,055</b>	<b>\$459,270</b>