

To: Fort Williams Park Committee
From: Robert C. Malley, Director of Public Works
Date: November 10, 2017
Re: **FY 2019 Fort Williams Park Proposed Capital Fund Budget (865) Summary**

Listed below are some potential projects for you to consider for the FY 2019 Proposed Fort Williams Park Capital Fund Budget.

Misc. Projects TBD **\$15,000**

This appropriation request is both a contingency and an account for minor projects that are not specifically funded. There were over 80 small improvement projects that were proposed in the 2011 update of the Master Plan. The committee has requested in the past that they be given the opportunity to fund some of those out of this account, since many are minor enhancements of the Park's infrastructure. In addition, this account may also provide funding for opportunities that are not known at the time of the budget submittal.

Park Signage Improvements **\$8,000**

The wooden informational signs in the parking lots were installed in 2004 are faded and have taken on a weathered look. The information on them should also be reviewed if the signs are replaced.

Perimeter Fencing Replacement **\$30,000**

There is one remaining segment of wire fabric fencing along Shore Road. The segment is approximately 460' in length. It is proposed to replace this segment with the new Jerith-brand fencing that has been installed over the past few years.

Parade Field Pedestrian Improvements **\$12,000**

There is an existing sidewalk that bisects the middle of the Parade Field. It serves as a pedestrian link between the Officers Row Preserve and the Parade Field Parking Lot. It is proposed to replace it with a 6' bituminous walk.

Battery Blair Safety Railing **\$45,000**

The top of Battery Blair is a popular spot to view the lighthouse and Casco Bay. There is a significant drop-off on the easterly (front) side of the Battery. A plastic fence has been installed there to keep people away from the edge but it is a challenge to maintain given the elements. It is proposed to install a cable railing similar to that along the Cliff Walk.

Cliff Walk Safety & Fencing Improvements (4022) **\$51,000**

Addressing pedestrian safety on sections of the Cliff Walk was noted by several respondents in the survey that was done as part of the Master Plan Update in 2012. It was recommended in the Master Plan that, "alternatives for aesthetically pleasing edge restraints or other safety options should be evaluated". Projects have been undertaken in the last five fiscal years to install railings on various segments along the Cliff Walk. For FY 2019, it is proposed to continue that program and install a segment on the northerly (Ship Cove) end of the walk.

It is also proposed to replace the wire fabric fence with a similar product in two phases on the southerly side of the PHL. It extends along the Cliff Walk and is a popular spot for tourists to take pictures. The estimated cost of this project is \$16,000.

Town General Fund (6010) **\$4,815**

This is an annual transfer to the general fund to cover administrative time spent on park-related projects by the Director of Public Works and other town staff not accounted for in the operations budget (645). This amount equals 3% of the total budget and applies to all Special Fund budgets.