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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Jennifer Schroder, Director
Jason Filan, Park Operations Manager

Date: January 5, 2012

Subject: Frontier Communications Donation

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council to thank Frontier Communication for donating to the City of Kirkland the outdated copper phone lines that existed under the causeway at Juanita Bay Park, valued at \$60,982.86.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Over the past 50 years, gains in technology and the modes of transmitting information have made the old copper phone lines underneath the causeway at Juanita Bay Park obsolete. With an interest in removing the outdated infrastructure from the wetland area, staff pursued permission from Frontier Communications to recycle the copper cable.

Frontier agreed that it would be good for the ecology of Juanita Bay to remove the cables from the wetland area and authorized the City to remove the cable.

The City was issued a Hydraulic Project Approval by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on October 3, 2011, and removal was completed in mid-October. 39,232 pounds of copper cable were removed and sold to the highest bidder.

Per the agreement with Frontier, the value of the donated copper, nearly \$61,000, will be put toward funding installation of a picnic shelter at newly renovated Juanita Beach Park.

Richard Klena, Senior Vice President will attend the Council's January 17th meeting to represent Frontier Communications.