

**Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Services Department**



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Tom Molbeck, Director

Honorable Mayor Cory Mason and the
Members of the Common Council
730 Washington Avenue
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am requesting permission to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss the sole source procurement of a Barber beach cleaner surf rake.

Barber is one of only two companies that produce a beach cleaner that is made to tow behind a tractor. This set-up is preferable to the Parks Department as the tractor can be utilized for other purposes within the department.

The Parks Department and the Health Department have had a demonstration of the other manufacturer's beach cleaner and have found that the Barber surf rake picks up smaller pieces of debris which results in a cleaner beach. The Health Department and Parks Department concur that this is the best piece of equipment to be used to maintain the cleanliness of our beach.

I ask that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate and contract with Barber for the purchase of a Barber Surf Rake.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Molbeck
Director of Park & Recreation

cc: Mr. Mike Willis
Ms. Kathryn Kasper