

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
SUBJECT: **VENUE REQUEST – 2024 BC SUMMER GAMES**
PURPOSE: To respond to a request by the City of Maple Ridge to host rowing competitions at Burnaby Lake as part of 2024 BC Summer Games.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the request for use of Burnaby Lake by the City of Maple Ridge to host rowing competitions for the 2024 BC Summer Games be granted; and

THAT the associated fees for use of the facilities by the City of Maple Ridge to host rowing competitions for the 2024 BC Summer Games be waived.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S COMMENTS

I concur with the recommendation of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The recommendation above align with the City of Burnaby’s Social Sustainability Strategy.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Maple Ridge has been awarded the 2024 BC Summer Games. The BC Summer Games (“the Games”) are BC’s celebration of youth sport and community. The Games bring together British Columbia’s best emerging high performance athletes, coaches and officials for four days of competition. The Games support the “Sport for Life model” and are an important development opportunity towards higher-level sport competitions. The Games are largely coordinated by volunteers. Burnaby was host City of the BC Summer Games in 1984 and 1997.

Maple Ridge has requested the use of the Burnaby Lake facilities at no charge to host rowing events as they do not have a suitable venue. Under the Fees and Charges Bylaw, Council must approve any fee waivers of costs associated with park bookings. Cities typically support each other in hosting Games through allowing access to sport venues that do not exist in host communities. There could be a need in the future whereby the City of Burnaby may require a venue as a host community and the City of Maple Ridge could reciprocate. During past Games hosted in Burnaby, similar agreements with neighboring communities have greatly benefited Games hosted in Burnaby when appropriate facilities were not available in this community.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Next summer, the Burnaby Lake Pavilion and pier will be under construction. Staff have worked with the Maple Ridge Summer Games Team to ensure that the facility will meet their needs for the events with these projects underway.

Due to the construction projects, the Burnaby Lake Pavilion will not be reserved in summer 2024 for large events. As a result, hosting a portion of the BC Summer Games rowing competitions on Burnaby Lake will not displace other events or have significant budgetary impacts.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City of Burnaby staff consulted with the Burnaby Lake Rowing Club on dates and impacts. The Rowing Club has set aside the dates requested on their event calendar. No additional community consultation is applicable at this time.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The fees charged for four day events in this situation would be \$1,395.76 plus tax. It is recommended that these charges be waived.

Respectfully submitted,

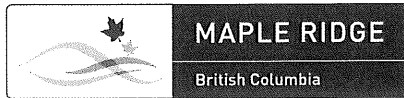
Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Letter – 2023.06.06 - BC Summer Games Ask

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

This report was prepared by Lucas Bjerke, Supervisor Sports and Outdoor Recreation and reviewed by Isabelle Taillon, Manager Recreation Services, and Eric Bientjes, Director Recreation.



June 6, 2023

Mike Hurley
Mayor
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Hurley,

The City of Maple Ridge will host the 2024 BC Summer Games in our community from July 18-21, 2024.

You know from being a past BC Games host that preference is to keep all venues within the community, not only to highlight the community but also to make transportation and Games logistics less costly and more effective. Having said that, we are challenged to meet the total number of venue requirements for **Rowing** competitions that will take place during the Games.

We are looking to Burnaby to assist with venues and the use of Burnaby Lake for this sport as follows:

- Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Friday, July 19 and Saturday July 20, 2024 from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Sunday, July 21 from 5:30 am – 1:00 pm

I hope this will be agreeable to you and your Council and that our Parks and Recreation staff can sort out the details. Your staff can connect with Christa Balatti, Manager of Special Projects at 604-467-7310 for more information and to discuss details.

We will ensure that you and your staff are kept up to date on the planning details for the Games and the use of your facility. You will also receive recognition for your support of the Games (details to be confirmed once the 2024 BC Summer Games Board of Directors is in place) and you will receive an invitation to attend the opening ceremonies and other Games events.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Ruimy".

Mayor
Dan Ruimy

cc: Maple Ridge City Council
Scott Hartman, CAO, City of Maple Ridge
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