

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: LICENCE AGREEMENT RENEWALS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the renewal licence agreements with the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club, and the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club, as outlined in the report titled “Licence Agreement Renewals” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture.
2. **THAT** the City Solicitor be authorized to execute lease agreements with the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club and the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club, as outlined in the report titled “Licence Agreement Renewals” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture.
3. **THAT** a copy of the report titled “Licence Agreement Renewals” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture, be sent to Arlene Chow, President of the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club; Diana Newton, President of the South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club; and Jim Grant, President of the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club.

REPORT

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, at its meeting held on April 11, 2023, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval for the licence agreement renewals with Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, South Lawn Bowls Club and Central Parks Horseshoe Pitching Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Commissioner R. Kent
Vice Chair

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
COMMISSION **DATE:** March 10, 2023

FROM: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE **FILE:** 09100-25

SUBJECT: LICENCE AGREEMENT RENEWALS

PURPOSE: To obtain approval for a licence agreement renewal for Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club and Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the renewal of the licence agreement with the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club and the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club as outlined in the report titled “Licence Agreement Renewals” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture;
2. **THAT** the City Solicitor be authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club and the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club as outlined in the report titled “Licence Agreement Renewals” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture;
3. **THAT** a copy of the report titled “Licence Agreement Renewals” from the Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture be sent to Ms. Arlene Chow, President of the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club, Ms. Diana Newton, President of the South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club and Mr. Jim Grant, President of the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club.

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Re: *Licence Agreement Renewals*

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club

The City of Burnaby has had an agreement with the Trustees of the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club for many years. The Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club has 49 returning playing members including 11 social members, and they continue to provide a valuable service to the community. Approximately 75% of the memberships consist of Burnaby residents. The cost per year for a membership is \$150.00. The North Burnaby Lawn Bowling Club continues to operate within the terms and conditions of their licence. The terms of the Licence have been reviewed with members of the Burnaby North Lawn Bowling Club for the new three year term.

While lawn bowling participation had declined during Covid-19, participation in 2022 increased and it is expected that membership will continue to increase. This sport is a popular recreation endeavor for seniors who are looking to participate in a fun outdoor physical activity. This club is a long-standing member of Bowls BC. Lawn bowling provides participants fitness, improved coordination, skill development, and team work. These activities are known to increase confidence and self-esteem, enhance mental well-being and improve a participant's community connectedness and support.

It is recommended that the licence for the North Burnaby Lawn Bowling Club be renewed at a \$1 per year for three years from April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026. This facility is currently subsidized, with the City of Burnaby providing building maintenance, utilities and water and some exterior grounds maintenance. Over the past 5 years the City of Burnaby provided for \$31,262.61 for operating expenses such as materials and supplies, construction materials and facility maintenance. The City of Burnaby pays on average \$438 every two months for the electrical. While there's no current Wi-Fi, the user groups have requested to have Burnaby public Wi-Fi going forward if and when available.

South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club

The City of Burnaby has had an agreement with the Trustees of the South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club dating back as far as 1972. The Club has approximately 113 players including 20 social members and 8 life members. 66% of the membership are Burnaby residents. The cost for membership to join is \$175.00 per year and is open to all citizens of Burnaby, however, the majority of participation is amongst seniors. They continue to provide a valuable service to the community and to operate within the terms and conditions of their licence. The terms of the licence have been reviewed with members of the South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club for the new three year term.

It is recommended that this licence be renewed at a \$1 per year for three years from April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026. The facility for the South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club is currently

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subsidized, with the City of Burnaby providing building maintenance, utilities and water and some exterior grounds maintenance. Over the past 5 years the City of Burnaby provided for \$19,026.38 for operating expenses such as facility maintenance, fire protection services and building and construction materials. The City of Burnaby pays on average \$275 every two months for the club's electrical. The South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club has provided their own modest Wi-Fi service for their members, however the association has requested to have Burnaby public Wi-Fi going forward if and when available.

Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club

The Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club has been located in Central Park for many decades and its existing location since the early 1970s. The City of Burnaby has had an agreement with the Trustees of the Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club for the last 35 years. Club membership has steadily declined over the last decade with club membership currently at 21 members and 63% are Burnaby residents. The cost for a membership per year is \$40.00 for adults, children under 18 are free. The club is responsible to manage their recreation activity, fund their operations and maintain the interior of the facility for reasonable wear and tear.

The club is a key member of the B.C. Horseshoe Association and a member of Horseshoe Canada. Tournaments are hosted throughout the season from the end of April till the end of September. This club offers free learn to play lessons and all residents are welcome. The Central Park Horseshoe Pitching Club continues to provide a valuable service to the community and they continue to operate within the terms and conditions of their licence however, this recreation activity has declined in both interest and participation.

As noted the club's membership has declined in recent years. Furthermore, the club's location within the Central Park interior is not preferred. An analysis of the recreation benefits provided to the community, and its future location will take place. It is recommended that approval be granted to a two year term to allow for this analysis.

It is recommended the licence agreement be renewed for two years from April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026. This facility and recreation activity provided for mostly seniors is subsidized. The City of Burnaby has provided modest capital upgrades to this facility over the last ten years. No capital expenses were noted over the last five years. The City of Burnaby provides utilities to the clubhouse, and it is not on a separate meter. The City of Burnaby has provided maintenance costs of \$10,439.25 for operating costs over the past 5 years, which include material and supplies, construction materials and fire protection services. While there's no current Wi-Fi, the user groups have requested to have Wi-Fi if available.

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2.0 POLICY SECTION

Approval of the recommendations in this report are aligned with the following Council-adopted policies, plans and strategies; *Healthy Community; Inclusive Community and a Connected Community* in alignment with the *Corporate Strategic Plan (2017)*.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that approval be given for the renewal of the licence agreements as outlined in this report.



Carmen Gonzalez
DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

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