

ITEM 6

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 81

COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 11/72

6. Re: Holland Landscapers Ltd.
Burnaby Lake Sports Complex Playing Field
Construction Contract

On May 15, 1972, a contract was let for the above mentioned project to Holland Landscapers Ltd. to the value of \$97,716.

In the contract, the areas of grass must be completed and ready for play on or before July 1, 1973 and the contractor shall maintain the work including mowing, fertilizing, irrigating, eliminating weeds and pests, repairing and aerifying the soil until July 1, 1973.

The Parks and Recreation Administrator indicates that the Capital works are complete as of September 25, 1972, and recommends that the holdback of \$15,850.20 be reduced to \$5,000 which, if all goes well, can be released 40 days after July 1, 1973. The \$5,000 should be adequate to take care of the repair of any deterioration in the works between September 25, 1972 and July 1, 1973.

However, the contract requires that the entire amount be held back until 40 days after July 1, 1973. This is unreasonable under the circumstances. This type of work by contract is new to the Corporation and at the time of writing the contract it was not realized that this problem would occur. Steps are being taken to see that it will not reoccur.

The work is guaranteed for one year after completion (July 1, 1973) and a 50% performance bond is on hand to back up the guarantee.

The approval of the bonding company to this change in the conditions of the contract will have to be obtained.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the release of \$10,850.20 of the \$15,850.20 holdback at this point in time, subject to the approval of the bonding company.