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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 74

COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 14/72

6. Re: Kensington Park Skating Rink

The Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Commission has advised that the Commission approved the working drawings and specifications for the above rink at its meeting of November 1, 1972, subject to the clarification of the electric lighting, i.e. High Pressure Sodium vs. Fluorescent. The decision on the lighting will be left in the hands of the Project Coordinator, Mr. M. J. Jones.

The Commission has requested that Council approve this project going to tender at a time which would be at the discretion of the Municipal Manager, in view of the possibility of a Federal Winter Works Programme.

We have checked with Ottawa and although no commitment will be given by anyone, it would appear that there will be a program of some sort. It does, however, appear unlikely because of the federal political scene that any announcement, even if there was to be a program, would be made before January. Notwithstanding this, in discussing this subject with the Chief Building Inspector and Mr. Jim Carlberg, Architect, it appears that the best time to go to tender would be now as far as the possibility of the best prices is concerned and keeping in mind that the rink would hopefully be completed in October, 1973 for next year's winter season. We hate to lose the possibility of benefits from a winter works program, but that matter seems to be quite indefinite and unpredictable. Perhaps a statement of intent filed with the Department of Municipal Affairs pointing out that we are going to call for tenders in anticipation of being in a position to immediately proceed in the event of a winter works program would protect our interests. The tender call would close on December 13, 1972.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT in anticipation of being prepared for advancing the construction of the Kensington Park Skating Rink so as to maximize the benefits under a possible winter employment program, the Municipal Manager be authorized to immediately call for tenders for this work; and

THAT the Municipal Manager be authorized to advise the Department of Municipal Affairs of this statement of intention to only call tenders with the hope that such action will not make this project ineligible to be considered under any winter employment program for the period of the program.