

ITEM 14

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 76

COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 20/72

14. Re: Physical Fitness Course
Burnaby Lake Sports Complex

Alderman Blair noted at the Council Meeting on October 23 that the above track had not been completed and inquired as to the status with respect to the construction of the track.

The Parks and Recreation Administrator advises that the development of course was undertaken by a group of Simon Fraser University students under a Local Initiative Grant. The Parks and Recreation Department co-operated to the extent of providing workshop accommodation at the Nursery and by assisting the students with some design problems.

The Commission authorized an expenditure of \$800 for materials in this connection but none of these funds has been expended.

The students worked on the project for several weeks and then interest appeared to wane although a small group did work on the fabrication of equipment for the fitness course.

When the Civic Employees' strike occurred, we arranged for them to remove their equipment and materials from the Parks Nursery. The Parks and Recreation Administrator advises that we have not heard from them since. We assume that some of the students graduated and others went on to pursue new interests.

We had already filled the site with free hog fuel in anticipation of expansion of the grassed area and this was done without planning for or even thinking of this fitness course.

At any rate, the course is unfinished, we have spent no money and no damage has been done. We do not recommend that we finish the course or develop it further at this point in time.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission.