

8. Re: Training Centre at Burnaby Lake for Paddling Clinics

Council on December 17, 1973 received a letter from Canoe British Columbia requesting approval of a proposal to establish a training centre at Burnaby Lake for paddling clinics.

The Parks and Recreation Administrator advised the Commission on December 17, 1973 that he sees no problem with accommodating Canoe British Columbia on the same basis as we are accommodating the Canadian Association Amateur Oarsmen. The following excerpt from a letter from the Administrator to the Manager describes the situation:

"The Recreation Director now advises that the submission of Canoe British Columbia is a parallel submission to that of the Canadian Amateur Oarsmen Association. Each group has requested storage space for boats, the use of office space for coaching and minimal clerical requirements, and allotted time for training and regatta purposes on the watercourse.

As in the case of the Rowing Association, it is recommended that Canoe British Columbia be given the assurance of shared use of the storage area for canoes, shared use of the office space with other sport and recreation groups using the Pavilion facility, allotted use of the dressing room facilities, and allotted use of the watercourse. It should be recognized that the Parks and Recreation Department is very much aware of the necessity for multiple use of the Burnaby Lake Pavilion as well as the watercourse; and all allotments will be issued with this principle in mind.

The Burnaby Lake Aquatic Association was established to assist the Department and the Commission in the co-ordinated use of the Burnaby Lake facilities. Regular meetings of the Society which involves representatives of rowing, canoeing and Parks and Recreation Department have resulted in recommendations of the co-ordinated use of the facilities, safety requirements on the lake and the scheduling of regattas."

The Commission on December 19, 1973 approved the following recommendations:

"THAT the Commission assure Canoe British Columbia of its intention to accommodate canoeing on Burnaby Lake on the same basis that it is accommodating the Canadian Association Amateur Oarsmen; and

THAT the staff co-ordinate the canoeing and rowing activities through the normal allotment procedures."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Commission's recommendations be adopted; and

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Canoe British Columbia.