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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 7

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23. Re: Ice Rinks

Mr. S.D. Floyd, Vice President and General Manager of Columbian 4Rinks Limited, appeared before Council on January 2, 1973, to request that his firm be allowed to acquire approximately eight acres of Municipal land at the northeast corner of Kensington Avenue and Sprott Street to construct additional ice rinks and possibly other recreational facilities.

Council on January 2, 1973, ratified the decision of the Municipal Manager to not recommend further development of additional ice rink facilities in the Central Area at this time for the reasons outlined in the Manager's letter to Mr. Floyd dated November 17, 1972. (See attachment.)

Council on January 2, 1973, requested the Parks and Recreation Commission to express an opinion on the question of whether private entrepreneurs or the public sector should be providing more ice rink facilities in the Municipality.

The Secretary to the Parks and Recreation Commission advises that:

"At its meeting of January 24, 1973, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the ... subject matter.

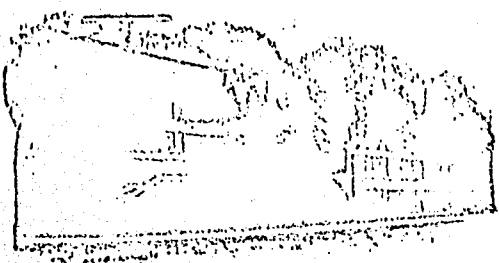
The Commission feels that so far as private entrepreneurs are concerned, it has no objection to these people building rinks in the Central Valley; but, when the public sector builds rinks, these should be in the areas which will best serve the citizens of Burnaby."

The Municipal Manager does not recommend that additional Municipal property be sold in the Central Valley area for this purpose. The Commission is not recommending that additional Municipal property be sold to this Company. It simply is not objecting to more intensive development in the area.

This is for the information of Council.

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November 17, 1972

Mr. Stan Floyd,  
Vice-President and General Manager,  
Columbian 4Rinks Ltd.,  
6501 Sprott Street,  
BURNABY 2, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: 4Rinks Complex  
6501 Sprott Street

Further to my letter of October 26, 1972 regarding the above, I have now heard from both the Land Agent and the Director of Planning.

We have examined the proposal being advanced by you and have concluded that we could not recommend releasing the land at this time or for the purpose stated.

This area of the Municipality will be more than adequately served by ice rink facilities upon completion of the Kensington public facility and the 4Rinks Complex. We will end up with six full-sized skating surfaces located within a radius of slightly more than one mile. It is to be hoped that future elements of the Central Sports Complex will provide a great diversity of opportunities for recreation in a wide range of indoor and outdoor sports uses, and to develop a high concentration of facilities for a single type of use (i.e., indoor ice events) at the expense of using up a limited stock of land in the Central Area would be inconsistent with our desire for diversity.

The specific site being considered is definitely a key site from the point of view of exposure, proximity to major circulation routes and transit facilities, and centrality. It would seem premature to commit this most desirable location at this time to a low intensity, highly specialized use when there exists a good possibility of attracting a high quality, more intensive use with broader appeal to the public at some future time when the area has developed more fully.

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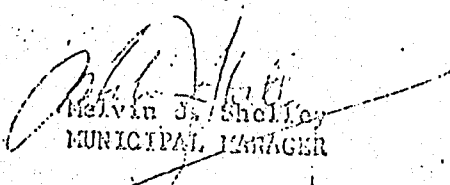
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Additionally, the location being suggested would introduce conflicts with continuity of the major north/south pedestrian concourse, and other locations within the Central Sports Complex would tend to limit flexibility in siting the stadium/coliseum facility embodied in the concept.

As to alternate sites for additional ice facilities, we have stated that the central area of the Municipality is well provided for but would suggest that a location adjacent to the proposed public Sports Complex in the Big Bend would serve the South Burnaby area where facilities of this type are lacking. Such a site would provide a facility for not only a very large part of South Burnaby but also the west side of New Westminster and the east side of Vancouver. If your organization is interested in seeking another location in Burnaby, the Planning and Land Departments would be pleased to offer their assistance. I am sorry we are not able to accede to your request.

Yours truly,

  
Melvin J. Shelley  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

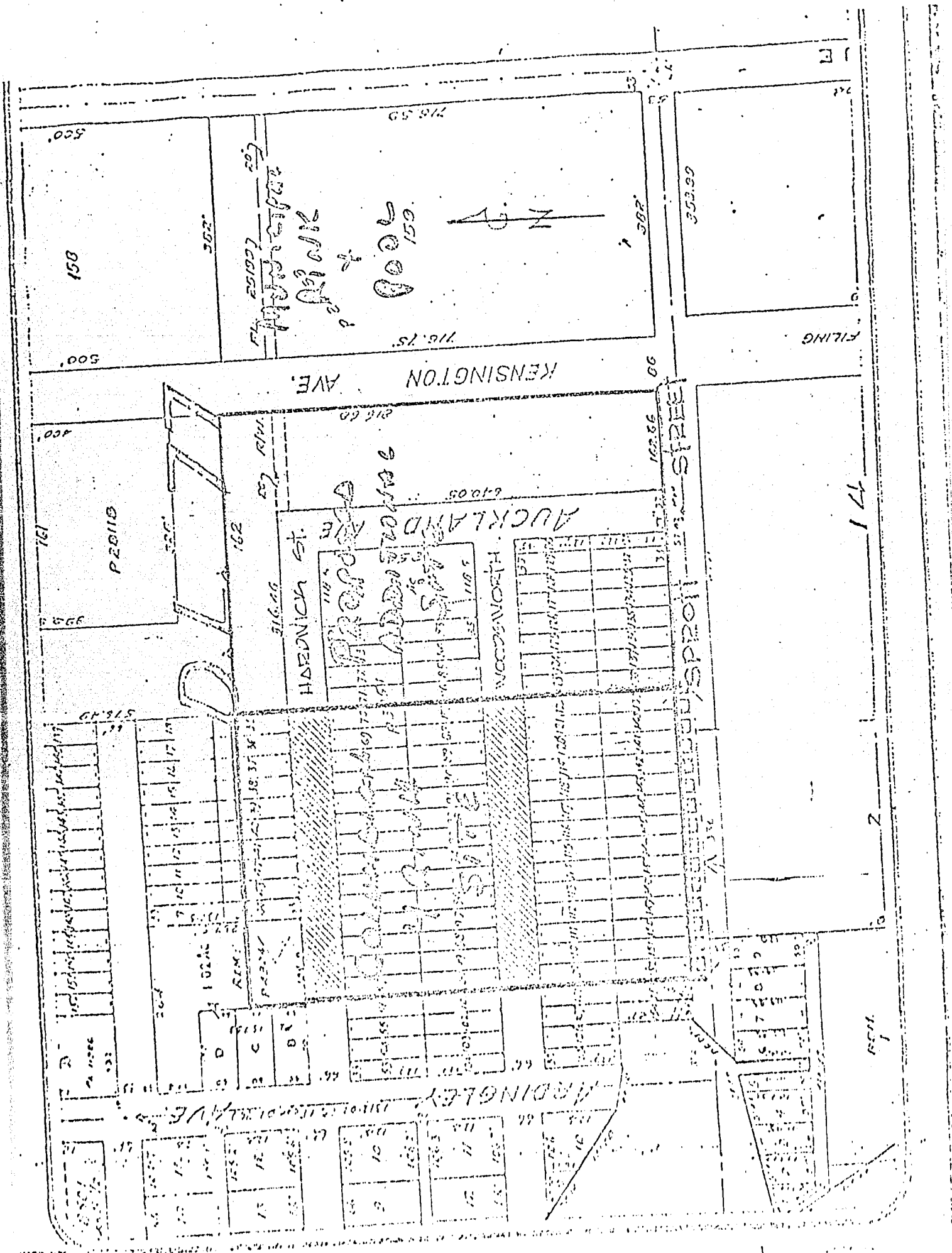
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CC: Planning Director

Land Agent

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SCALE 1" = 200'  
 1/4" = 50'

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 122 RFP # 81/71  
 2/20/73