## Re: Equestrian Centre - Riding Rings

## ITEM 6 MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 55 COUNCIL MEETING Aug. 19/74

Following is a report from the Secretary to the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the proposed shifting of boundaries at the Equestrian Centre on Avalon Avenue.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

MANAGER

TO:

THAT the boundaries of the present 20-acre Equestrian Centre be shifted to the west by adding an area  $250 \times 400$  on Avalon Avenue and subtracting a similar square foot area from the southeastern corner of the present site; and

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THAT the lease be amended and executed accordingly.

### August 9, 1974.

FROM: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

# RE: EQUESTRIAN CENTRE - RIDING RINGS

During a Park Tour on June 26, 1974, the Parks and Recreation Commission inspected the Equestrian Site and was shown the proposed site for the second public riding ring. To develop this ring would mean the removal of a number of trees as the site is a heavily wooded area. An alternate site was suggested to the west of the present equestrian centre boundary, and the Planning Department was asked to review this suggestion. The following are the Planning Department's comments:

- 1. The westerly shift of the proposed riding rings is in keeping with our earlier recommendations for the siting of such facilities at a location well removed from the existing dwellings on Avalon Avenue and Cariboo Road.
- 2. The proposed siting change will preserve a heavily wooded area and provide an attractive and desirable, natural buffer between the equestrian centre and the Freeway.
- 3. The equestrian centre will continue to be situated on the south side of Avalon Avenue and not interfere with its further use as the main entrance route to the easterly end of Burnaby Lake Regional Park.
- 4. The overall area occupied by the equestrian centre will remain unchanged.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the Planning Department would concur with this proposal.

The Commission, therefore, requests Council to shift the boundaries of the present 20-acre equestrian centre by adding an area 250 x 400 on Avalon Avenue and subtracting a similar square foot area from the present south-eastern corner of the Centre.

Sketches are <u>attached</u> showing the present boundaries (Map "A") and the proposed new boundaries (Map "B") of the equestrian site.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the shifting of the boundaries of the present 20-acre equestrian centre to the west by adding an area 250 x 400 on Avalon Avenue and subtracting a similar square foot area from the southeastern corner of the present site.

Respectfully submitted, (Mrs.) A. Graham, SECRETARY.

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