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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70

COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 28/74

Re: Letter dated October 9, 1974 from Mr. R. Stewart, President,
New Vista Recreation Association, 7588 Vista Crescent, and
Letter dated October 9, 1974 from Mr. C. Cumming, President,
New Vista Place Recreation Association, 1412 - 7210 Mary Avenue
Regarding Additional Parks and Recreation Area and Facilities

Appearing on the Agenda for the October 28, 1974 Council meeting are letters dated October 9, 1974 from Mr. R. Stewart, President, New Vista Recreation Association, 7588 Vista Crescent, and Mr. C. Cumming, President, New Vista Place Recreation Association, 1412 - 7210 Mary Avenue, requesting additional park and recreation area and facilities adjacent to the New Vista Complex.

The following is the report of the Planning Director dated October 24, 1974, in this connection.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council concur in the comments of the Planning Director; and

THAT a copy of this report item be forwarded to Mr. R. Stewart and Mr. C. Cumming.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 24, 1974

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: PLANNING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY THE
NEW VISTA RECREATION ASSOCIATION AND THE
NEW VISTA PLACE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The New Vista Recreation Association and the New Vista Place Recreation Association have submitted letters dated October 9, 1974 requesting that a recreation centre for the elderly be established in conjunction with the development of the neighbourhood park designated adjacent to the subject New Vista senior citizens housing complex. The Planning Department was requested to reply to these enquiries.

With regard to the Associations' request the following comments are made.

- a) The inclusion of the adjacent neighbourhood park in the Parks Acquisition Program is a direct result of the substantial increase in senior citizens housing in this area both existing and proposed, in particular, the development of the New Vista complex. The open space provided within the New Vista complex, by the proposed neighbourhood park, and by the nearby Richmond Park (1½ blocks away) should be in the opinion of the Planning Department, sufficient to serve the needs of this senior citizens complex.
- b) The municipality has required that all senior citizens housing projects provide extensive communal facilities to meet the recreational and social needs of senior citizens residents. It is noted that the New Vista complex does provide suitable communal facilities for senior citizens residents especially in the Personal Care Home (lounges, meeting areas, sheltered outdoor courts). Some onus for the provision of adequate recreational and social facilities rests with the individual project developments themselves.

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c) The major south Burnaby senior citizens recreation centre is within 3 to 4 blocks of the New Vista Complex. To our knowledge, all senior citizens housing projects in Burnaby except for the Edmonds/Kingsway senior citizens housing are much further away from any municipal senior citizens recreational facilities. We would outline four other major developing senior citizens housing concentrations for the information of Council which are distant from any existing municipal recreational facility. These concentrations are (indicating total units under consideration, rezoned, and/or completed):

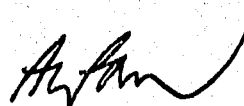
- i) Community Plan Area "I"
Canada Way/Curle Avenue
223 units
- ii) Central Administrative Area
Canada Way/Godwin Street
291 units
- iii) Community Plan Areas "J" and "L"
Burnaby Centre - Kingsway
386 units
- iv) Community Plan Areas "G" and "H"
Lougheed Highway/Government Street
540 units

In this light, the appropriate planning approach is to develop recreational centres based on the provision of a reasonable level of municipal facilities to serve the needs of the overall senior citizens population of Burnaby rather than a single concentration of senior citizens, say in the Edmonds/Kingsway area.

At the time when consideration is given to the provision of additional municipally operated senior citizens facilities in Burnaby, the request of the New Vista Associations and the existence of a large senior citizens population in the New Vista complex should be given due consideration.

In summary, it is the opinion of the Planning Department that the New Vista senior citizens housing complex is better served by open space and recreational facilities than most senior citizens projects in Burnaby at the present time.

This is for the information of Council.


A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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