

Re: Mr. G. Squire, Recreation Director  
Participation in Study Tour of Sport and Recreation Facilities in Europe

The following is the report of the Parks & Recreation Administrator regarding the above.

Since the report was written, the Administrator has taken a telephone poll of the Commission members, and the Commission has now recommended that Mr. Squire be authorized to attend the Study Tour under the conditions noted in the Administrator's report of July 4, 1974.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission be adopted.

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TO: Municipal Manager	DEPARTMENT: Office of the Manager	DATE: July 4, 1974
FROM: Administrator	DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation	OUR FILE # C59
SUBJECT: Study Tour of Sport and Recreation Facilities in Europe		YOUR FILE #

The Provincial Government is organizing and partially financing the above tour for a select group of B.C. recreation professionals. To round out the group which has been partially assembled, they have requested that Burnaby send Mr. Gordon Squire, Recreation Director. I attach a report from Mr. Squire which provides a rationale for the tour and his personal comments on its value.

I consider that the returns to the Municipality will be positive especially in the area of facility technology, combining of recreation buildings for multi-purpose use and innovative ideas concerning new trends in recreation programming, such as adventure playgrounds.

There are uncommitted funds in the amount of \$1,000. in the Parks and Recreation Department Conference Account. I consider that the expenditure of a portion of these monies on this tour would provide the greatest return to the Municipality. Cost of the tour is as follows:

Package Costs	-	\$1500. - Includes air and limousine transportation, twin bedded Hotel and continental breakfast.
(Provincial Contribution, \$750.; & Corporation of Burnaby Contribution, \$750.)		

Incidental Costs to be borne by the participant, estimated at \$400. to \$500.

This will include all meals, outside of the packaged continental breakfast, plus all other incidental travelling costs.

On the evening of July 3, I discussed this matter at some length with the Chairman of the Commission who indicated to me his full support for Mr. Squire's participation in this tour.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Corporation of Burnaby send Mr. Gordon Squire on the Provincial Study Tour of Sport and Recreation Facilities in Europe.
2. That the Corporation pay \$750. of the cost of this tour.
3. That these cost be charged to Account #25-02-56.

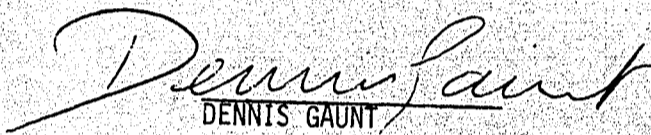
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4. That Mr. Squire be given two weeks leave of absence with pay and be required to use one week of annual leave to undertake this three week tour.
5. That Mr. Squire give an understanding to the Corporation that if he leaves its employ within one year of completion of the tour, he will refund the full amount of \$750.
6. That Mr. Squire be required to present to the Parks and Recreation Commission a full written report following completion of the tour.
7. That the Administrator be requested to take a telephone poll of the members of the Commission and that this report and recommendations be forwarded to Municipal Council on Monday, July 8, 1974.

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Attach.

  
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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION DATE: JULY 4/74  
FROM: DIRECTOR OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION OUR FILE # C59  
SUBJECT: TOUR OF BRITISH AND EUROPEAN RECREATION FACILITIES YOUR FILE #

Dr. Eric Broom has recently completed a report for the Government of B.C. which proposes sweeping changes in the leisure time services now provided by the Province. A number of "recreation administrators", including myself, met with Dr. Broom to present the "position" of the professionals in relation to proposed changes in recreation services within the province. This tour of Dr. Broom's is an attempt, I feel, to assist in the development of greater capability amongst the professionals of the area to meet the future challenges proposed to the more senior level of government.

I have been aware of this proposed tour from the time of the first announcement and considered the possibility of joining the tour in a most serious manner. However, the question of the new administrator and his appointment caused me to feel at the time that it would be unfair to undertake a project of this nature without first consulting the individual concerned.

I was most pleased to be offered the assistance for the tour by the Provincial officials and I would like it to be clearly understood that in no way did I solicit or manoeuvre the Provincial people concerned to call me or the Mayor.

I feel the single most significant benefit to Burnaby of my attending the tour would be to study the British and European systems in relation to our own and particularly in the light of the proposed changes in "recreation services" by the Provincial Government.

The trend within the province in the provision of recreation services is the encouragement of individual, family and group responsibility for leisure time activity. The European attitude traditionally has been one of minimal service at the government level and great encouragement in personal involvement in recreation activity. With costs of services rising at a significant rate, I feel that we in Burnaby must, of necessity, adopt an approach of this type and I would appreciate the opportunity to study this approach to recreation services, such as outdoor recreation, water sports, arts, and indoor physical activity.

Burnaby has been proposed on numerous occasions by people such as the Mayor and others as a logical site for a "Western Canada Sports Training Centre", which is under active consideration by the Federal Government. It would be most important, I feel, to have a staff person currently knowledgeable about such centres. England and Europe offer some excellent examples of such centres and I feel much that they display would be of real value to Burnaby.

The exposure I would be given to indoor and outdoor facilities, a variety of attitudes and approaches, discussions with colleagues and strangers; would greatly enhance my knowledge, understanding and approach to the development of programmes and facilities for Burnaby residents. I feel we could consider the funds invested in much the same way as we might when we engage an outside consultant.

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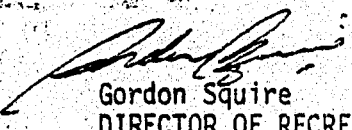
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My personal commitment to the tour would be as follows:-

1. To consider this opportunity an obligation to Burnaby to not leave the Corporation for at least two years, or if I did, to repay at least in part, the investment made by Burnaby.
2. With a provision of \$750. from the Province and \$750. from Burnaby - I would still be responsible for some \$500. of personal funds to complete the tour in a reasonable manner.
3. I would be willing to forego one week of my annual vacation for this tour.

Your assistance in gaining approval for my participation in this tour will be most sincerely appreciated.

  
Gordon Squire  
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

GS:sab