Re: COLUMBIAN 4 RINKS RELIEF FROM TAXES

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator dated August 25, 1977 concerning a request for tax relief which appears as correspondence on the agenda for the August 29, 1977 meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

    1. THAT Council decline the proposal of the Columbian 4 Rinks and so advise them.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER   DATE: AUGUST 25,1977

FROM: ACTING PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR.

RE: COLUMBIAN 4 RINKS RELIEF FROM TAXES

The subject of tax relief for the Columbian 4 Rinks has been considered on a number of occasions in the past, employing various approaches and formulas in an attempt to arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement between the Columbian 4 Rinks and the Corporation of Burnaby.

The prime problem involved is that non-prime ice time, which is that time available in the early morning hours, during the day, and very late night hours, tends to be surplus in most rink operations. This is also true of the two municipally operated rinks in Burnaby. However, prime time is still very much in demand at most rinks. The Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission cannot satisfy all of the public demands for ice oriented activities within the prime time hours available at the Burnaby Lake Rink and Kensington Park Rink, and therefore have found it necessary to rent such ice time from the Columbian 4 Rinks, Burnaby Winter Club and the McPherson Winter Club.

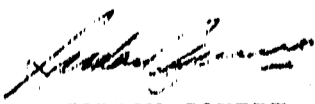The 1977 Annual Budget for rink rentals were as follows:

    McPherson Winter Club - 4,950.00
    Burnaby Winter Club - 1,300.00
    Columbian 4 Rinks - 23,648.00

A somewhat reduced program of rink rentals is anticipated for 1978.

Staff must conclude that the ice times available at the Columbian 4 Rinks are not suitable or in demand for public use at this time or in the forseeable future.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council decline the proposal of the Columbian 4 Rinks and so advise them.

GORDON SQUIRE
ACTING ADMINISTRATOR.

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