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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 56
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 08 14

RE: USE OF THE BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX BY OPERATORS OF
RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT AND GLIDERS

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator on problems associated with model aircraft and gliders.

As noted, the Commission and staff have received letters of objection from thirteen persons who reside in an area adjacent to the Sports Complex (Fielding Court and Hillview Street). These all pertain solely to noise and hazardous conditions that result from the operation of model aircraft. Copies of these letters are on file in the Manager's Office for any member of Council wishing to review them in connection with this report.

The Chief Public Health Inspector is of the opinion that the complaints from affected citizens relative to the flying of radio controlled model aircraft on or from the Complex are warranted; he is of the further opinion that the flying of such aircraft should be prohibited (studies have shown that some emissions of noise from this type of aircraft have fallen outside the acceptable noise level standards as set forth in Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement By-law 1972, #6052).

The Parks and Recreation Department is preparing an enforcement procedure for the ban on flying of model aircraft. As far as parklands are concerned, this will initially involve the posting of notices at appropriate locations. It is not known if further steps will have to be taken on any aspect of the enforcement. Although it is possible that Council may eventually be requested to provide some form of authority to ensure that the ban is totally effective throughout the community, it is felt that no such action is required at this time.

This is for the information of Council.

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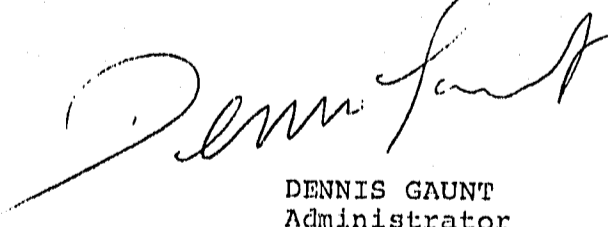
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR
RE: USE OF THE BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX
BY RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT AND GLIDERS

Appearing on the 1978 August 02 agenda for the Parks and Recreation Commission were thirteen letters from concerned citizens protesting model aircraft flying at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex.

As a result of receiving these letters, staff prepared the attached report. The Commission adopted the recommendation contained therein.

This report is for the information of Council.



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Appearing on the Agenda under correspondence are thirteen letters from concerned citizens protesting model aircraft flying at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex.

For the past three and one-half years since early in 1975, the Parks and Recreation Commission and Municipal Council have been dealing with the problems created by model aircraft flying at this site. The following Commission Reports refer:

Item 4 - July 16, 1975

Supplementary Item 10 - August 6, 1975

Item 4 - September 3, 1975

Item 4 - March 3, 1976

Item 3 - May 19, 1976

Item 4 - March 2, 1977

Item 6 - January 18, 1978

The attached sheet from the records of our Operations staff indicates the problems that have been documented since the last report was made on January 18, 1978. These reports, we believe, constitute only a small percentage of the problems that are being experienced. The Department's file on this subject is full of petitions and complaints from individuals and organizations including field users and local residents regarding the model flying activity. The Chief Health Inspector is on record as advising that the level of noise generated by the model plane flying is unacceptable.

It would appear that the Clubs which were organizing the flying no longer exist and we are dealing with a series of individual flyers with whom the various problems are being experienced. No allotments are issued for model airplane flying on our park sites.

The Commission has spent a great deal of time over the past three and one-half years in an attempt to arrive at a compromise which would permit flying under controlled conditions. These efforts have been in vain and the record would indicate that this is in a large measure due to the attitude of those persons flying model airplanes. Staff are of the opinion that the flying of model airplanes in Burnaby Parks is not compatible with the use of those parks by the majority of legitimate park users. We would therefore recommend that the Commission prohibit the flying of model airplanes and gliders on Burnaby Parks.

It should be noted that the Burnaby Rocket Club still operates under allotment and at this date there does not appear to be a problem with conflict between rocket activities and other park activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Commission prohibit the flying of radio controlled model airplanes and gliders on Burnaby park sites.

1977 April 5

Complaint of Flyers while players on field

1977 July 4th

During week of July 4th a call was received from a resident of Hillview, complaining that a red and white radio controlled plane was being flown from central vally over the residential area at Hillview. The noise was annoying and it was dangerous. Area foreman, Mel Booth, investigated and met a Mr. Gordon Berianlt, who admitted his plane had flown further than he intended and was warned about such flying.

1977 August 27

At 17:00h a model aeroplane, radio controlled, with an approximate 4 foot wing span, owned and operated by Mr. A.L.Kennedy, 1746 M.E. Marine Dr., Vancouver, went out of control and smashed through one of the plexi-glass bubbles in the the vicinity of the washroom. The impact was so great that the plane was stuck half way through the the bubble, the motor went into the shower room and hit the wall. The fuel tank went into a toilet.

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1978 June 1

Flyers using field when occupied

" " 23

Planes buzzing housing and tennis courts

" " 26

Flyers were asked to stop when fields in use.

" July 1

Answered call from dispatch - Flyers flying low over houses. They said they would restrict to field 7 and 8.

" " 3

Answered call re flyers. No one at field when arrived.

" " 7

Planes flying while cricket and soccer on.
Flyers Lic. No. GMC white pick up #26-42 CW
Ford Brown pick up Lic. 96-18BX

" " 18

21:00h had a call from tower that model planes were flying - when park patrol arrived they were packing their planes into car. Complaint came from east side of lake, not players on the field. They said they did not fly until everyone was off fields. Park Patrol talked with flyers - they were not rude but determined to have their way and said they did not interfere with anyone.
Names and address of flyers: Ted Cornfield, 7948 - 17th
522-4232, Lloyd Ryan, 8470 - 11th, Herman Schweers,
4272 Pandora St..

1978 July 22

Flyers were asked to leave but refused.

" " 23

2 model planes crashed in mid air and landed near parked cars. Flyers car licence Nos.
Green chev. panel RNG 016
Blue Buick Station Wagon XTA 923
Sandy Chev

" " 27

Planes flying while cr icket and soccer on.
GMC white pickup 26-42CW, Ford, brown pickup
96 18BX