MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 22
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 03 20

Re: PROPOSED SALE OF A MINI-PARK SITE AT 8190 - 14TH AVENUE EASTBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (LOT 11, BLOCK 11, D.L. 27, PLAN 697)

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator on the proposed sale of a Municipal lot on 14th Avenue.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize the sale of 8190 - 14th Avenue (Lot 11, Block 11, D.L. 27, Plan 697), with the revenue less expenses to be credited to the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Program fund.

TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1978 MARCH 16

FROM:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT:

EASTBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED MINI-PARK SITE AT 8190-14th AVENUE

(LOT 11, BLOCK 11, D.L. 27, PLAN 697)

The attached report from the Director of Planning on the subject property, dated 1978 March 09, was received by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting of 1978 March 15.

In view of the lack of neighbourhood support for implementation of the project, the Commission concurred with the staff recommendation.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the sale of 8190-14th Avenue (Lot 11, Block 11, D.L. 27, Plan 697), with the revenue less expenses to be credited to the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Program fund.

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c.c. Director of Planning Land Agent THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY COUNCIL MEETING

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR

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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

COMISSION MEETING 78 03 15

SUBJECT:

EASTBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME PROPOSED MINI-PARK

SITE AT 8190 - 14TH AVENUE (LOT 11, BLOCK 11, D.L. 27, PLAN 697)

In 1976 November the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council approved in principle the purchase of a site for a proposed mini-park under the terms of the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Programme. A total of \$75,000 was allocated to the project on a second priority basis.

The idea for the project originally came from suggestions made at initial N.I.P. meetings in the area. In addition, the Eastburn questionnaire results from 1976 illustrated that of the 861 responses, tot lot mini-parks for small children were rated as an important need in the Eastburn area. A public meeting was held at Second Street School on 1976 October 12 to review the draft N.I.P. plan which included this project. The proposal to buy a site was discussed and was generally supported although no specific location was proposed at that time. The Planning and Parks and Recreation staff recognized a deficiency of local parkland in the neighbourhood around First and Second Streets.

In 1977 October residents of the area informed the N.I.P. Committee that a potentially suitable site for a mini-park was being offered for sale on the open market. The N.I.P. Committee and Planning Department staff looked at the site and concluded that the location was well suited to the purpose for several reasons -- it is central to the area to be served, it is situated on the Burnaby Park Trail system, and the site was on a corner and the impact of a park development on adjacent residential properties would be minimized. Costs appeared reasonable as the home is older than many in the area. Subsequently, on 1977 October 19 the N.I.P. Committee recommended that steps be taken to purchase the property, and a staff report was prepared.

Staff and the N.I.P. Committee did not feel there was any indication that the priorities of the residents in the area had changed since the proposal was requested in 1976, and since a delay could have resulted in private sale of the property, no public meeting was held prior to obtaining the authorization to have the Land Agent negotiate the purchase.

The report was submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission and subsequently on 1977 November 21 Council authorized the purchase of the site at 8190 - 14th Avenue at a cost of \$48,500 which was financed under the terms of the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (refer to attached map). This transaction was completed with the Municipality receiving possession of the property on 1978 February 06.

A public meeting was set up on 1978 February 09 at Second Street School in order to discuss the plans for the proposed mini-park. Notices of the meeting were distributed to residences in the neighbourhood around the site. Prior to this time some area residents were aware of why the site was purchased, however no reaction was

The public meeting was attended by 21 residents of the area including six members of the Eastburn N.I.P. Committee. At this meeting the majority of those in attendance voiced objection to the proposed park. Their objections were based upon several concerns including the lack of small children in the area, concern about vandalism, and the cost/benefit of the proposed project. In addition, the residents noted that the adjacent intersection at First Street and 14th Avenuelis particularly accident prone. This latter problem is being looked into by transportation planning staff.

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In addition to the comments received at the public meeting two letters were sent to the Planning Department recording opposition to the project and a petition with 26 names also of those opposed was submitted to the Eastburn N.I.P. office.

The N.I.P. process involves public discussion/participation during the preparation of both the concept plans and the detailed designs. This process is intended to assure that the plans which are developed meet the needs of the community as closely as possible and reflect current priorities. This process also ensures that projects which do proceed are in fact supported by the area residents.

At a regular meeting of the Eastburn N.I.P. Advisory Committee held on 1978 March 01 a motion was passed which recommended that this proposed project not be pursued and that Council be requested to give authorization to have the house and property sold with the money from the sale to be returned less expenses to the N.I.P. fund for reallocation to their projects.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended:

THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to Council that the Land Agent be authorized to offer the Municipal property and building at 8190 - 14th Avenue for sale and that the revenue from the sale be returned to the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Programme fund.

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A. L. Parr DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement
Programme Resident Planning Committee

