MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 40
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 05 23

Re: LETTER FROM THE VANCOUVER GAME FARM 5048 - 264TH STREET, ALDERGROVE TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK

Appearing on the agenda for the 1978 May 23 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. Hugh Oakes regarding the proposed development of the Tynehead Regional Park in Surrey. As noted in the attached release dated May 11, this matter will be the subject of Public Hearings which will be conducted by the Greater Vancouver Regional District in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report and the <u>attached</u> release be sent to Mr. Hugh Oakes.

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Thursday, May 11, 1978.

PROPOSED ZOO AT TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK SUBJECT OF GVRD PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Greater Vancouver Regional District will hold three public meetings this month to hear comments on possible development of its 640-acre Tynehead Regional Park in Surrey, including a proposal to develop a major zoo on the site.

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The proposal for the zoo is from the Tynehead Zoological Society which wants to lease most of the parksite from the GVRD. The Society would develop and operate the zoo.

A five-member committee, headed by Coquitlam Mayor Jim Tonn who is Chairman of the GVRD Park Committee, will hear presentations from the public at the three meetings and then submit its recommendations to the GVRD Board. Other members of the special committee are Ald. Alan Emmott of Burnaby who is Deputy Chairman of the GVRD; Ald. May Brown of Vancouver; Ald. Don Ross of Surrey and Ald. W.C. Blair of Langley.

In addition to the question of whether there should be a zoo at Tynehead, the committee will hear submissions on what other major activities might be considered for development at the regional park.

The three meetings are scheduled for Surrey, Vancouver and Port Moody, in order to accommodate individuals and groups from all areas of the region. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

The first meeting is Wednesday, May 24th at the Community Centre on the Surrey Exhibition Grounds in Cloverdale, the second is Thursday, May 25 in Vancouver in the auditorium at the museum-planetarium complex, 1100 Chestnut Street and the third is Tuesday, May 30 in Port Moody at the Social Recreation Centre, 300 loco Road,

For additional information about the meetings please call the GVRD parks department at 731-1155.

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