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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 48  
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 06 26

RE: LETTER FROM BURNABY COUNCIL OF HOME AND SCHOOL  
WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1978 JUNE 19  
MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5 d)  
PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR - ROBERT BURNABY PARK

Appearing on last week's Agenda was a letter from Georgie Cole, Secretary for Burnaby Council on Home and School, regarding playground supervision at Robert Burnaby Park (the letter was addressed to Commissioner A. Lock with a carbon copy to Council). Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator on this matter.

This is for the information of Council.

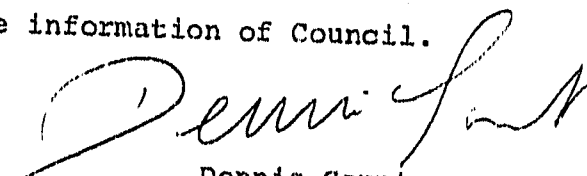
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1978 JUNE 22  
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR  
SUBJECT: PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION-ROBERT BURNABY PARK

At its meeting of 1978 June 21, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached report from staff which refers to a letter dated 1978 June 05 from Georgie Cole, Secretary, Burnaby Council Home and School (a copy of same appears in Council's Agenda under 'Correspondence').

The Commission approved the recommendation that a copy of the report be sent to the Secretary of the Burnaby Council Home and School.

This report is for the information of Council.

  
Dennis Gaunt  
ADMINISTRATOR

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RE: PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION - ROBERT BURNABY PARK

The following is a report from the Assistant Administrator for Recreation on the above subject.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Commission direct that a copy of this report be sent to the Secretary of the Burnaby Council Home and School.

TO: ADMINISTRATOR 1978 JUNE 16  
FROM: ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR-RECREATION  
SUBJECT: PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION - ROBERT BURNABY PARK

Appearing on the Agenda under "Correspondence" is a letter, dated 1978 June 05, from Georgie Cole, Secretary of Burnaby Council Home and School. In addition, staff have received several related pieces of correspondence and telephone enquiries.

The playground at Robert Burnaby Park was supervised full-time during the summer of 1977. However, the attendance of children over the past two years has been minimal, averaging some ten children per day. In contrast "Special Events" on the park have attracted an average of 60 children and adults for each event.

The proximity and attraction of Robert Burnaby Park pool and the free swim opportunity on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 13:00 - 14:45 h and Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 - 12:45 h, has a significant impact on the leisure time habits of children in the area.

Other neighbourhood parks in the area, such as George H. Leaf Park, have demonstrated a consistently higher attendance by children, with approximately 50-60 children per day.

In the evaluation process concerned with the supervised playground areas during the summer of 1977, it was concluded that the smaller neighbourhood parks in the area demonstrated greater justification for the staffing and programming of these facilities.

The success of the special events at Robert Burnaby Park provided staff with the necessary justification to continue these family oriented activities in 1978, as follows:

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July 06	Salmon Bake
July 20	Swim Regatta
August 03	Steeplechase
August 17	Family Car Rally

In response to the appeal for a continuation of the supervised playground at Robert Burnaby Park, staff are prepared to place a playground leader in Robert Burnaby Park for one day per week initially, to monitor the attendance and child participation. If it is found that such attendance justifies additional days of playground supervision, an overall assessment of the playground program will be made to assess the capability to shift additional staff to Robert Burnaby Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Commission direct that a copy of this report be sent to the Secretary of the Burnaby Council Home and School.