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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 81
COUNCIL MEETING 1979 11 26

RE: CAMERON LIBRARY AND RECREATION CENTRE
ADDITION OF TWO RACQUET BALL COURTS

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding the proposed construction of two additional racquet ball courts at the Cameron Library and Recreation Centre.

The proposed courts fill in the southwest corner of the recreational portion of the complex which was specifically designed to accommodate such expansion.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Administrator be adopted.

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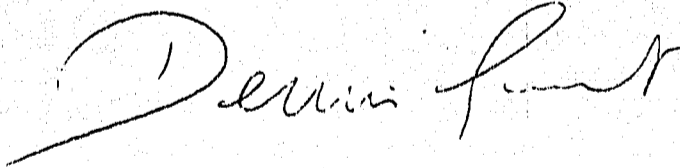
TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR, Parks & Recreation
RE: CAMERON LIBRARY AND RECREATION CENTRE
THE ADDITION OF TWO RACQUET BALL COURTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT in accordance with the financing and procedures outlined in this report that Council authorize a change to the construction contract for the Cameron Library and Recreation Centre to permit construction of the third and fourth racquet ball courts.

Report

At its meeting of 1979 November 21 the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached report on the above subject and approved the recommendations contained therein. The Commission would now recommend this course of action to Municipal Council.



DENNIS GAUNT
Parks & Recreation Administrator

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Attach.

cc: MUNICIPAL TREASURER
CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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RE: CAMERON LIBRARY AND RECREATION CENTRE -
THE ADDITION OF TWO RACQUET BALL COURTS

In April of 1979 when Commission and Council considered the tenders for the construction of the above building they included alternate bids for the construction of four ball courts (two racquet ball and two squash) or two ball courts (one racquet ball, one squash).

Because the project budget did not include sufficient funds to immediately construct the four courts the decision of Commission and Council was to proceed with the construction of two courts at that time and the Commission instructed that toward the end of the 1979 budget year a review be made of the budget to see if funds would then be available for the construction of the final two courts. In the meantime the building design is such that it will accommodate the inclusion of these two courts if ever the Corporation wishes to proceed with their construction.

Staff have received information from the architect that the construction of the two courts, at this time, would cost approximately \$145,000 (the cost in April 1979 was \$114,359). There would be no additional staffing costs or other heavy maintenance costs if these two courts were added over and above such items as hydro and floor cleaning. The estimated annual revenue from the two courts is \$42,000.

A review of the Commission's 1979 budget would indicate an anticipated surplus of approximately \$80,000 as of December 31, 1979. It is understood from discussions with the Municipal Treasurer that there may be other surpluses also available from the Municipal budget at that time. The Treasurer also advises that if the Commission wishes to pursue the construction of these two courts then it will be necessary for Council's permission to be obtained for 5 year short term borrowing in the amount required with the borrowing to be reduced by yearend surpluses from within the Commission's budget and hopefully by any surpluses within the Municipal budget.

In view of the fact that a group of four courts is considered to be a more economically viable unit, in view of the level of anticipated revenue and the availability of surplus funds in the Commission's yearend budget, staff would recommend that the Commission proceed with construction of the two courts.

Moveable Walls

The original plan was for two racquet ball courts and two shorter length squash courts. The Commission asked for information regarding the possibility of the inclusion of a moveable wall within a racquet ball court which could be used to shorten the court for squash purposes. Staff would recommend against such moveable walls because of the clearly reduced level of quality of play that is possible from the minor hazards that would be presented by the moveable wall. Such an innovation could possibly mean that the courts would be regarded as second class with the strong possibility of reduced play. Popular and growing demand would also now seem to be much more oriented towards racquet ball as opposed to squash and therefore staff would recommend that the two additional courts be for racquet ball rather than one for squash and one for racquet ball.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Commission approve the inclusion of two more racquet ball courts in the Cameron Library and Recreation Centre.
2. THAT the funding be by 5 year short term borrowing by-law as outlined in this report.
3. THAT the Commission so recommend to Council.

cc: Municipal Treasurer
Chief Building Inspector