RE: REZONING REFERENCE #54/80 LOT 86, D.L. 98, PLAN 40572 7325 MacPHERSON AVENUE

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding the above subject.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report of the Director of Planning be received for information purposes.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1980 NOVEMBER 20

FROM:

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT:

REZONING REFERENCE #54/80 LOT 86, D.L. 98, PLAN 40572

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C4 Service Commercial District

P2, Administration & Assembly District

and Ml Manufacturing District

To:

P2 Administration and Assembly District

7325 MacPherson Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received by Council for information purposes.

REPORT

On 1980 November 17, Council in consideration of the subject rezoning request adopted a recommendation to advance the bylaw to First Reading on 1980 December 01 and to a Public Hearing on 1980 December 16 at 19:30 h.

Arising out of discussion of the subject rezoning application, it was requested that Council receive a status report on the MacPherson Winter Club and its possible relocation to the Central Valley Area.

Regarding the status of the Winter Club, the Planning Department contacted the applicant who confirmed that the subject property is presently owned by the MacPherson Curling Centre Limited who propose to sell their property to the Burnaby Christian Fellowship Organization who intend to utilize the existing facility for their purposes. At the present time, the MacPherson Winter Club retains a lease on the existing facility which expires in 1984 with an option to renew. However, they have not determined at this time whether they will continue operation under their existing lease agreement. Notwithstanding the lease agreement, the Burnaby Christian Fellowship is prepared to honor the lease, in which case an appropriate sharing of the facility would be undertaken. The Planning Department advises that the proposed rezoning will have no affect on the Winter Club since its operation is a permitted use under the requested P2 zoning district.

In reference to the possible relocation of the Winter Club to the Central Valley area, Council is advised that the development of a new facility to accommodate both the MacPherson and Burnaby Winter Clubs as a joint venture to be located within the Central Valley Sports Complex has been considered by the Parks & Recreation and Planning Departments as well as the Parks & Recreation Commission. However, their proposal was not pursued due to the cost of leasing and servicing the land (Municipallyowned) which together with higher building costs in the Central Valley placed the project beyond the financial capability of the two clubs. More recently, the possibility of establishing a joint winter club facility at Bonsor Park was suggested by the Parks & Recreation Commission. However, no further interest in this location has been expressed by the respective clubs.

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