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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 44

COUNCIL MEETING 1980 06 23

RE: LETTER FROM MRS. LYNDA STEWART WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1980 JUNE 16 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4m)
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE BURNABY HEIGHTS AREA

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator in answer to a letter Council received from Mrs. Lynda Stewart.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT the report as received from the Parks and Recreation Administrator be received for information purposes.
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Lynda Stewart, 3724 Eton Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5C 1J2

1980 June 19

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: ADMINISTRATOR, PARKS AND RECREATION

SUBJECT: PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE BURNABY HEIGHTS AREA - LETTER TO COUNCIL FROM MRS. LYNDA STEWART

Recommendation:

1. THAT this report be received and a copy sent to Mrs. Lynda Stewart.

REPORT

The Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached report at its meeting of 1980 June 18 and approved the recommendations.

Dennis Gaunt, Administrator

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- 1. THAT this report be forwarded to Municipal Council.
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Lynda Stewart.

REPORT

The correspondence relating to the above subject was received by Council at its meeting of 1980 June 16.

Mrs. Stewart who lives at 3724 Eton Street expressed concern about the lack of facilities in her immediate area. Her major comments relating to the following areas:-

- 1. Proper playground facilities for children e.g. wading pool, sand-box
- 2. Community Centre with indoor swimming pool, gym, etc.
- 3. Programs for mothers and children.

These concerns are discussed below.

1. Playground Facilities for Children:

A map showing the subject property and the school and park facilities within ¼ and ½ mile radius is attached (Attachment). The following is a list of the park and school sites together with the facilities provided.

Park

Burnaby Heights Reservoir
(8.5 acres) (Trinity Park)

- within & mile readius

McGill Park
- slightly more than 3 mile
(4.3 acres)

<u>Facilities</u>

- Open grass field (football/rugby)
- Lacrosse box
- Picnic tables
- Traditional playground monkey bars

- swings

- Tennis courts (3)
- Park benches
- picnic tables (1)
- wading pool (with benches)
- traditional playground slide
 - tether ball pole
 - sand box
 - swings
 - monkey bars
- playground supervision, Monday to Friday between 12:00 and 16:30 - June 23 to August 22.

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Park

Facilities

Second Narrows Park (17 acres) - within & mile radius

Conservation park - no facilities

Gilmore School playground - 2.2 acres
- within ½ mile radius

- Playing fieds: softball, 2 sets) Grass of field posts) surfa

Programs:-

- Playmobile comes to Gilmore School duri the summer on Tuesdays 11:00 - 16:00 h.
- Pick up stop for Camp Madawaska and summer magic programs

Mrs. Stewart's home is located very close to Burnaby Heights Park and staff share Mrs. Stewart's comments about providing improvements to the playground on this site. Funds for these improvements and for the construction of a fieldhouse at Burnaby Heights Park are included in the C.I.P. budget for 1984.

In addition to the park and school facilities now in the area, future park plans call for the provision of a neighbourhood park of approximately 3 acres in the south-west sector of the Burnaby Heights area as indicated on Attachment The specific site for this park has not yet been determined.

2. <u>Community Centre</u>:

The closest Community Centre to Mrs. Stewart is located at Willingdon Heights park which is slightly more than one mile from Mrs. Stewart's residence.

This Centre is now being renovated and upon completion will provide craft rooms activity rooms, meeting space and gym space. Programs are offered at the Centre for all age levels. In addition, use is made of the nearby schools and details of the programs provided at the schools and at the Centre are discussed in section 3 below.

Mrs. Stewart has suggested that Confederation Park would be a good location for a Community Centre with an indoor pool and other facilities.

Long range plans (beyond 5 years) include the building of an indoor pool in Nort East Burnaby and Confederation Park, along with Kensington Park, is being considered as the location for this facility.

3. Women's and Pre-School Programs Available in the Area:

Willingdon Heights Recreation Centre -

- Supervised playgrounds June 23 to August 22
- Pre-School programs summer adventure and summer time tots*
- Women's summer fitness
- Travelling tennis clinic
- * (Although no baby sitting is provided in connection with these programs, the Pre-school program which is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between June 23 and July 18 is offered at the same time as the Women's fitness program).

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Rosser School - (Program offered during the school year only)

- Parent-Tot drop in sessions

Gilmore School - (Program offered during school year only)

- Women's Fitness class - evening program held twice a week

Baby sitting services are not provided for these programs but as indicated, attempts are made to schedule programs at the same time so that mothers may participate in one program while their children participate in another.

Staff appreciate Mrs. Stewart's comments and would be pleased to discuss programming ideas with her.

Attach.

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