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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	9
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 02 04

RE: ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A BAR AND FOOD CONCESSION IN THE CAMERON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPLEX  
 (ITEM 11, REPORT NO. 81, 1979 NOVEMBER 26)  
 (ITEM 14, REPORT NO. 83, 1979 DECEMBER 10)  
 (ITEM 16, REPORT NO. 5, 1980 JANUARY 21)

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Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding a proposed bar and food concession in Cameron Library Community Centre Complex.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations as contained in the report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator be adopted.

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1980 January 30

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
 FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR  
 RE: ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A BAR AND FOOD CONCESSION  
 IN THE CAMERON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPLEX

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Item 16, Manager's Report No:5, 1980 be lifted from the table.
2. THAT Council continue to support the approval in principle of a 'food and beverage lounge' in the Cameron Library Community Centre Complex.
3. THAT Council approve the operation of the lounge by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. THAT advance approval be given for the establishment and funding of the full-time lounge attendant position.
5. THAT Council permit the Corporation to apply for the 'Class A' liquor licence.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1980 January 21, Council tabled Item 16, Manager's Report No.5, 1980 pending completion of a public meeting called by the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held on 1980 January 29 regarding the operation of the Cameron Library Community Centre.

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The meeting took place as planned and approximately sixty members of the public attended. The Chairman established that those present represented each neighbourhood within the Community Centre catchment area with the exception of the Cariboo Road neighbourhood. It was also apparent from the questions asked and attention paid to recreational opportunities for every age group plus some specific activities that a fair cross section of the public was present, including a number of senior citizens interested in recreation for the retired.

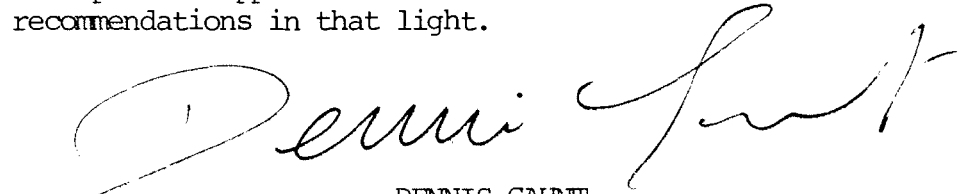
The only negative note of a general nature was that of regrets that a swimming pool had not been included in this first phase of the Community Centre development. However, Commission records clearly indicate that the consensus of the two public meetings held in 1976 placed the pool at a low priority for future consideration. The Commission is therefore confident that the public needs in the area have been met. The meeting was extremely positive and ended with the selection of a Volunteer Advisory Program Committee of approximately 15 citizens, who immediately met with staff following the public meeting to plan a strategy for this Committee's involvement.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICE

Two members of the public spoke against this service very early in the meeting. Later following an explanation of the Commission's position by Commissioner Daem and Council's position in tabling this last report by Commissioner Brown, one member of the public spoke in favour of the service. His comments appeared to receive a general support of the meeting. It was then suggested by a member of the public that in view of the fact that Council appeared to be awaiting an expression of interest by the public attending this meeting that the Chairman take a vote on the subject of an alcoholic beverage service.

This suggestion also received a general approval of the meeting and therefore a vote was called. The result was 2 votes against the service and approximately 58 votes in favour of the service. The Chairman also asked for a show of hands from those people who had sufficient concerns that they would appreciate a close monitoring of the service throughout the first few months with the option of a reversal of their decision, if the service proved to be a detriment to the Centre. Approximately 25 people indicated their concern in this regard.

Commissioner Thomson then explained the Commission's position with respect to the Commission's wishes to have this service run by the Municipality in the first instance in order to retain the control and flexibility which is considered necessary to both adjust times and service throughout the initial period to meet the needs of the Centre and its users and to carry out the monitoring and final adjustment if required as was now being expressed at the public meeting. Under the circumstances, it would appear that the Commission's recommendations to Council on this subject do have public support and the Commission would ask Council to now consider those recommendations in that light.

  
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Administrator

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cc: Municipal Clerk