

RE: ATTENDANCE OF SUPERINTENDENT-COMMUNITY RECREATION AT THE NATIONAL
PARKS AND RECREATION 1981 CONFERENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1981 AUGUST 04

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: ADMINSTRATOR, PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RE : ATTENDANCE OF SUPERINTENDENT-COMMUNITY RECREATION AT THE NATIONAL PARKS
AND RECREATION 1981 CONFERENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the attendance of the Superintendent-Community Recreation at the 1981 N.R.P.A. Conference in Minneapolis.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1981 August 05 the Parks & Recreation Commission approved the attendance of the Superintendent-Community Recreation at the 1981 N.R.P.A. Conference in Minneapolis.

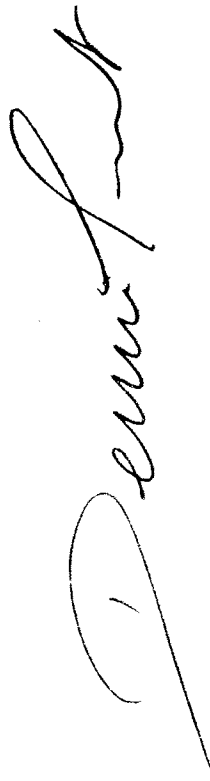
Each year the National Parks & Recreation Association which is the Senior American Parks and Recreation Organization holds its annual conference in a different American city.

The Burnaby Parks & Recreation Department does not have regular attendance at these conferences but from time to time depending upon the program content and the value of the host city's parks and recreation system, a recommendation is made for a senior staff member to travel to a current conference.

In the case of the Minneapolis conference, the Minneapolis system has an excellent reputation for its cultural program and for its urban parks, exposure to which would be of great value to one of our staff members. The program is extensive with numerous alternatives with the following selection of sessions indicating the value to Burnaby:

- Planning, co-ordination and development of cultural resources
- Making individual parks good neighbours
- Effect of changing living patterns on park and recreation demands
- Understanding computers in parks and recreation systems
- Leisure and the economy and the dollar value of recreation
- Public, private sector co-operation
- Converting abandoned schools to public recreation uses
- Privatization for efficiency and revenue generation

As the major conference of the year, the event attracts the widest possible selection of equipment and facility demonstrations. The estimated cost is \$1,300.00. Funds have been provided in the 1981 Operating budget. It was therefore recommended that the Superintendent of Community Recreation, Mr. Neal, Dockendorf be authorized to attend the Minneapolis conference.



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ADMINISTRATOR