

RE: LETTER FROM H. S. ELWOOD, PRESIDENT
EAST BURNABY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
8134 - 14TH AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C. V3N 2B8
ROBERT BURNABY POOL

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	44
COUNCIL MEETING	1982 07 12

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report of the Director Recreation & Cultural Services be received for information purposes.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

RE: CORRESPONDENCE FROM H.S. ELWOOD RE ROBERT BURNABY POOL

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1982 July 07, the Parks and Recreation Commission received its copy of Mr. Elwood's letter, the original of which is on Council's agenda for this week.

The Commission received a staff report and heard a delegation from Mrs. Anne Bailey on this subject. The Commission was given the following information.

Advertising

Our main brochure is the primary advertising for the aquatics program and the only advertising for 'learn to swim' lessons. The brochure was delivered by the Post Office to each Burnaby residence. A supplementary flyer was started in 1981 and continued in 1982 to increase participation at the outdoor pools.

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This flyer contains information only about public swim times. It does not contain lesson information. The flyers were distributed to the elementary schools in June. It is also available at each aquatic facility. There was a problem with the initial delivery of flyers to the schools which was corrected as staff became aware of the problem.

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Convenient Public Swimming - Outdoor Pools

Public swimming hours extended to 20:45h in May and June of 1980. The hours were reduced to 16:45h in May and June of 1981 and further reduced to 15:00h in 1982. The hours were reduced at all outdoor facilities due to budget restrictions. The hours that remain are the busiest due to the Burnaby School Board's heavy use pattern. This year during the hot weather in June, the hours of operation were extended to 16:45h due to public demand. In July and August every year, the outdoor pools are open till 19:45h.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons were cancelled during the 1982 provisional budget preparation. Attendance dropped considerably at both Robert Burnaby and McPherson Park pools (attendance figures attached). It is less economical to provide lessons at these locations (staff costs and revenue figures attached).

Faced with reduced budget expectations for 1982, the Commission followed a practise of eliminating those programs throughout the system which had the least attendance. In the case of outdoor pools, swimming lessons at Robert Burnaby and McPherson Park pools were eliminated for this reason.

The lessons are continued at Kensington Park pool as the attendance still remains high. Lessons are also provided at Bonsor and C.G. Brown indoor pools where attendance also continues to be high and in fact has increased over the past several years because a growing number of parents appear to prefer to place their children in swimming lessons indoor due to uncertainty of summer weather.

Summary

Staff, after reviewing statistics of participation and budget figures, recommended that we continue our policy of advertising, restricted swimming hours and no swimming lessons until the attendance and interest in the program strengthens in the Robert Burnaby and McPherson Pool areas.

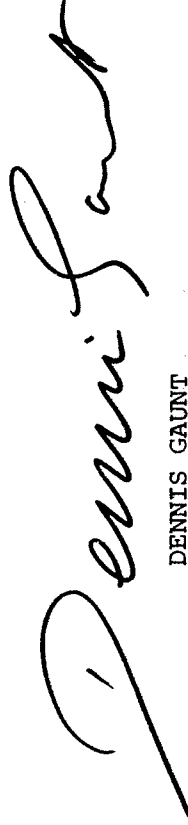
The Commission approved the following recommendations:

1. THAT the Commission approve the continuation of advertising, restricted swimming hours and not offering swimming lessons at Robert Burnaby Pool.
2. THAT the Commission so advise Council.
3. THAT a copy of this report to sent to H.S. Elwood.
4. THAT staff report back to the Commission at its next meeting regarding the costs involved if the swimming lesson program at Robert Burnaby Pool is reinstated immediately.

Attach.

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SWIMMING LESSON PROGRAM ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>Robert Burnaby Pool</u>	<u>McPherson Pool</u>	<u>Kensington Pool</u>
<u>1978</u>			
Set I	120	94	
Set II	130	101	Not Available
Set III	95	77	
Set IV	-	-	
TOTAL	345	272	
<u>1979</u>			
Set I	81	100	205
Set II	84	78	270
Set III	69	62	275
Set IV	70	58	260
TOTAL	304	298	1,010
<u>1980</u>			
Set I	57	63	217
Set II	41	70	203
Set III	62	70	162
Set IV	50	87	196
TOTAL	210	290	778
<u>1981</u>			
Set I	96	-	192
Set II	-	105	201
Set III	61	-	175
Set IV	-	105	185
TOTAL	157	210	753

SWIMMING LESSON PROGRAM BUDGET

	<u>Robert Burnaby Pool</u>	<u>McPherson Park Pool</u>	<u>Kensington Park Pool</u>
<u>1981 Actual</u>			
Staff costs & supplies	\$2,665.00	\$2,590.00	\$7,469.00
Revenue	1,753.00	1,994.00	8,458.00
Net	(\$ 912.00)	(\$ 596.00)	\$ 989.00 CR
<u>1982 Projected at Provisional Budget Time</u>			
Staff costs & supplies	\$5,126.00	\$5,126.00	\$8,790.00
Revenue	2,500.00	2,500.00	10,350.00
Net	(\$2,626.00)	(\$2,626.00)	\$1,560.00 CR

