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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 11

COUNCIL MEETING 1982 02 22

RE: C. G. BROWN POOL PROPOSED ADDITION
(ITEM 3, REPORT NO. 9, 1982 FEBRUARY 08)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations as contained in the report of the Director Recreation & Cultural Services be adopted.

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1982 FEBRUARY 18

TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM:

DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

RE:

C. G. BROWN POOL PROPOSED ADDITION - ITEM 3,

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT NO: 9, 1982 FEBRUARY 08

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT Council approve the revised and reduced expansion project for C. G. Brown Pool and that the project be advanced by the preparation of working drawings and specifications.
- 2. THAT Council approve that the project go to public tender when drawings and specifications are completed.

REPORT

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of 1982 February 17, the Parks and Recreation Commission dealt with the Council motion (1982 February 08) on the above subject which was received from the Municipal Clerk and which read as follows:

'That this matter be referred back to the Parks and Recreation Commission with some indication of Council's concern about this matter'.

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The Commission has reviewed Council's concerns together with all the circumstances surrounding this project. Arising from this review, the Commission has determined that it would still prefer to proceed with this project and would ask for Council's reconsideration of this matter based upon the following:-

- 1. This is a different and scaled down package from that for which a Provincial grant was requested.
- 2. The project is fully funded from Commission budgets which have already been approved by Council.
- 3. The project is the Commission's top development priority.

Provincial Grant, Application:

The intial expansion to C.G. Brown Pool was planned to include a swimming training tank and was costed in excess of \$700,000. Corporation funds were not available in this amount and therefore a Provincial grant application was made to make up the funding. The Commission made a commitment that the project with training tank would only go forward if the Provincial grant was available.

The Provincial Government abandoned its grant program and therefore the Commission aborted the project. The Commission is now presenting a scaled down version of the C.G. Brown expansion without the training tank which can be fully funded from current Commission budgets and which will not rely upon any Provincial funding.

This is the first year that the Commission has failed to get Provincial funding for its top priority project and this year's failure was tied in directly to the Provincial Government abandoning its program. For some years the Commission has carried out approximately \$1 million worth of capital projects each year. Even if this amount is reduced in tough economic times, there should still be sufficient capital projects going forward that the Corporation will be able to take full advantage of any Provincial grants if the program is again put in place by Provincial Government.

Priority of this Project:

The C.G. Brown expansion is the Commission's top priority. The Commission has been working towards this project since 1979 when it carried out user and public surveys and 1980 when it budgeted the funds of \$30,000 so that architectural drawings could be commenced.

On 1982 February 08 Council received attached to Item 3, Manager's Report No:9, a two page rationale which the Commission had again reviewed and which justified the high priority which this project holds.

Usefulness of the Expansion:

This expansion will allow the Corporation to make better use of an existing facility. It encompasses activities which are in great demand around the Lower Mainland and indeed across Canada. Council has previously been provided with statistics outlining the phenomenal success that similar facilities have experienced in surrounding Lower Mainland communities.

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Tentative arrangements have been worked out with the Fire Department and the R.C.M.P. for use of the expansion area as a training facility. The expansion will increase the use of the C.G. Brown Pool substantially and the new facilities in the scaled down version now being presented will result in an annual profit of some \$7,000 annually, thus reducing the tax draw by that amount.

This is a conservative estimate which the Commission expects will be exceeded each year. Attached is a typical daily program schedule indicating the times available for the various activities. We estimate an additional 23,000 user visits during public swimming and adult program sessions. An additional use factor are those users who will utilize the sauna, whirlpool and fitness area when the main pool is being used for classes or private rentals.

Conclusion:

The Commission has recognized that it is unable to proceed with the full project because of the lack of a Provincial grant. Therefore to keep in line with its commitment to Council, the Commission has now dropped the full project and is putting forward a new reduced package. The package is fully funded from the Commission's budgets and is the Commission's top priority.

The Commission would therefore urge Council's favourable consideration of advancing this project within the \$468,000 available in current budgets.

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