

RE: LETTER FROM MR. W.O. TOOMBS, 4343 CAMBRIDGE STREET,
BURNABY, B.C. V5C 1H3 RE: CARE OF PARKS (i.e. MCGILL PARK)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Recreation & Cultural Services be adopted.

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TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : CARE OF PARKSITES

1984 JULY 31

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. W.O. Toombs, 4343 Cambridge Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5C 1H3

REPORT

Appearing on the Agenda is a letter from Mr. W.O. Toombs concerning the maintenance of McGill Park. Mr. Toombs telephoned the Parks & Recreation Office on 1984 July 10 and was advised that in response to budget cutbacks, the Parks & Recreation Commission had placed parts of McGill Park on our list of lands that would be cut only 4 times per year.

At its meeting of 1984 August 01 the Parks & Recreation Commission also received a copy of Mr. Toombs letter. The Commission reiterated its position that budget cuts necessitated the reduction in the maintenance of parts of various parksites and directed that the season be completed on the basis of four cuts per year at McGill Park.

The effects of recent years' cutbacks are just now becoming apparent to the public and all factors point to the situation worsening before it starts to improve and the Commission expects further public complaints.

The Commission also received a summary of the grass maintenance cutback areas for 1983, 1984 and projected into 1985, a copy of which is attached.

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Director Recreation &
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IMPACT OF BUDGET CUTBACKS ON GRASS MOWING

ADDITIONAL CUTBACKS - 1985
AREAS REDUCED TO 1 CUT PER YEAR

PREVIOUSLY GROOMED GRASS AREAS
MOWING REDUCED IN 1984 TO THE # OF CUTS INDICATED

PREVIOUSLY GROOMED GRASS AREAS
FLAIED ONCE A YEAR IN 1983

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Acres	Location
10	Burnaby Mountain Park
20	Confederation Park
10	Robert Burnaby Park
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These areas have been allowed to revert to meadow by flailing only once per year. In 1985 they will not be cut and we will attempt to cut only once every three years to prevent the properties from reverting to forest. This will save approx. \$2,000 per year in those years when a cut does not take place.

NOTE: The term "flail" as used in this report refers to a rough grass cutting operation.

Total Acreage	Location	No. of Cuts	Total Acreage
13	Burnaby Mountain - N.W. of Centennial Way	4	2.0
4	Century Park - Outdoor Theatre east to Jane	2	0.3
1	Confederation - North of Penzance	4	1.6
3	- East of Bowling Green	2	4.8
6	- West of Bowling Green	2	1.2
6	Fraser Foreshore - Byrne Creek west to pump station + Service Road south to picnic area	2	2.0
3	Frogger's Creek	4	0.4
2	Glenwood	4	6.6
3	Lynhurst - Playground north to property line	1	1.5
4	Robert Burnaby - Tennis courts to Hill Avenue	2	0.1
1	Ron McLean - Behind Tennis courts & Lacrosse Box	2	2.0
2	Schoolboard land next to Gilpin Park	2	0.1
2	Stoney Creek	2	1.5
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Location	No. of Cuts	Total Acreage
All lots being held for development	4	2.0
Bayview parksite (West end of Barnet Park)	2	0.3
Braemar/Buckingham	4	1.6
Broadview	4	1.2
Burnaby Heights	4	4.8
Cameron	2	2.0
Canada Way & Sperling water course	2	0.1
Cariboo Hill Park	2	1.5
Century Park - Loftus Property	1	6.6
Charles Rummel	4	0.4
Fell Avenue Trail	2	0.8
Forest Glen	4	2.0
Fraser Foreshore	4	3.0
Frogger's Creek	4	2.0
Glenwood	4	1.6
Harbourview	4	1.2
Kensington	4	6.0
Kisbey	4	1.4
McGill	4	2.0
Riverway West Park	4	2.0
5141 Sperling (next to Hart lands)	4	0.2
Stride Ravine	2	2.0
Underhill East Side	2	0.2
Webburn Ravine (Webburn to Barker)	4	1.1

In 1985 the maintenance on these 46.0 acres will again be reduced to that of flailing once per year only.

The Parks listed in this section would be flailed once a year instead of the present 32 mowings per year. This would result in a savings as follows:

\$24,700 - from mowing
8,600 - from general clean-up
\$33,300 - total saving

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