

ITEM 19
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 50
COUNCIL MEETING 84/08/07

RE: EXTENSION OF THE TENNIS BUBBLE USE
FROM SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS ANNUALLY

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1984 AUGUST 02

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : EXTENSION OF THE TENNIS BUBBLE USE FROM SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS ANNUALLY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the tennis bubble be allowed to remain in place for not more than seven months of each year from the 1st of October to the 30th of April annually.
2. THAT the Solicitor be directed to prepare the proposed amendment to the existing licence agreement with the Burnaby Tennis Club and the Municipal Clerk as authorized Signatory, be authorized to execute the licence agreement, subject to the prior receipt of the written acknowledgements from the Club as outlined below.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1984 August 01 the Parks & Recreation Commission dealt with a report on the above subject, approved the two recommendations listed above and agreed to recommend them to Municipal Council.

In addition the Commission required that prior to execution of the licence amendment, that the Tennis Club Executive advise the Corporation that the licence amendment to a 7 months period has been given the formal approval of a club membership meeting.

The following is the report dealt with by the Commission:

In accordance with Commission and Council's concurrence in special arrangements for 1984, the tennis bubble at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex was left in place until the 30th of June 1984. It was then removed by the Club and it is in storage quarters provided to the Club for this first year by the Corporation at the Service Centre.

Staff have also met with Club officials to discuss the Club's request that consideration be given to leaving the bubble up either year round or for a greater length of time than the current six months. For easy reference, the following Commission and Council reports relate to this topic:

Item #9, Manager's Report #33 - 1984 05 07
Supp. Item #10, Director's Report #10 - 1984 05 02
Item #3, Director's Report #8 - 1984 04 04
Supp. Item #16, Manager's Report #23 - 1984 03 26
Items #2 + 3, Director's Report #7 - 1984 03 21

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The current licence agreement allows the Club to erect the bubble for any six months out of the seven months between the 1st of October and 30th of April. Following lengthy discussions with the Club, the Parks and Recreation staff have concluded that there are no arguments that can support leaving the bubble up for any length of time greater than this currently identified period of October 01 to April 30. Weather statistics, patterns of public play and the intent of the Commission to meet a public demand by construction of the courts all point to the need for at least five summer months to be available each year for outdoor public play.

The Club was unable to give up any of its normal outdoor court time for public use in exchange for the occupation of the bubble courts for an extended period each year. The use of their outdoor courts is too important to them for them to be given up for this purpose. They would still require all their full outdoor allotment from the 1st of March to the 30th of September annually as well as the extra time that they are requesting indoors. The bubble could continue to provide for public play inside.

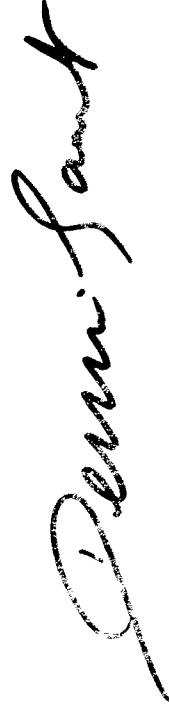
There is no question however, that in constructing these new courts, the Commission's objective was to provide additional free outdoor play space for the general public. On the assumption that this criterion is still the prime objective, staff would recommend against any further extension of the bubble time beyond the seven month period.

The Planning & Building Inspection Department has expressed its view:

- that no extension of time should be recommended which would allow the structure to be in place beyond the present six-month maximum within a seven-month time frame.
- In the event that a decision to the contrary is made, however, an amendment to the licence agreement should be made conditional upon receiving written acknowledgement from the Club's executive that no further extension of time beyond the seven-month period, October 01 through April 30, will be requested by the Club nor entertained by the Municipality.

Parks and Recreation staff concur in the latter suggestion of a written commitment from the Club.

The existing licence agreement will be amended by the Municipal Solicitor and executed by the Municipal Clerk, if these recommendations are approved.



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cc: Director Planning & Building Inspection
Municipal Solicitor