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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 33
COUNCIL MEETING 1984 05 07

RE: BURNABY TENNIS CLUB'S REQUEST TO LEAVE UP THEIR AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE
FROM 1984 MAY 01 TO 1984 JUNE 30
(ITEM 16, SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT NO. 23, 1984 MARCH 26)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1984 MAY 03

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : BURNABY TENNIS CLUB'S REQUEST TO LEAVE UP THEIR AIR SUPPORT
STRUCTURE FROM 1984 MAY 01 TO 1984 JUNE 30

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the request of the Burnaby Tennis Club to leave up their air support structure from May 01 to June 30 in 1984.
2. THAT staff be directed to execute the necessary agreements.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1984 March 26 Council received a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission that the Tennis Club bubble be left up for the entire summer of 1984.

Council referred the matter back to the Commission with the following motion:

"THAT this matter be referred back to the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the allocation of courts for public use with the Burnaby Tennis Club should the air support structure be allowed to remain in place from 1984 May 01 to 1984 September 30".

On the instruction of the Commission, staff have subsequently negotiated with the Burnaby Tennis Club and at its meeting of 1984 May 02 the Commission received the attached report and approved the five recommendations contained therein.

In summary, it is recommended that the bubble remain in place for the first two months (May and June) of the summer of 1984 and that the bubble be removed and the courts left for open public play for the last three months, namely, July/August/September of 1984.

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The Club has also indicated that in order to make its winter operation viable it may be necessary to extend the winter play season in future years. **123**

Discussions on this topic will be held immediately so that a further report may be brought to the Commission and Council in time for the Tennis Club to prepare and present its proposed 1984/85 winter program.



for: DENNIS GAUNT
Director Recreation &
Cultural Services

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Attach.

cc: Director Planning & Building Inspection
Director Finance
Municipal Solicitor

RE: BURNABY TENNIS CLUB'S REQUEST TO LEAVE UP THEIR
AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR THE SUMMER OF 1984

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Commission approve the request of the Burnaby Tennis Club to leave up their air support structure from May 01 to June 30 in 1984.
2. THAT staff be directed to execute the necessary agreements.
3. THAT the Commission so recommend to Council.
4. THAT the staff be directed to discuss further with the Tennis Club the most suitable time span for indoor bubble play in future years.
5. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Burnaby Tennis Club.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1984 April 04, the Commission received referral back from Municipal Council of the Commission's recommendation that the tennis bubble be left up for the Summer of 1984.

The Commission also received Item 3, Director's Report #8, and approved the following recommendation:

"THAT the question of negotiating a suitable arrangement for the retention of the air support structure for the Summer of 1984 be referred to the Director for action and report back to the Commission."

The Director subsequently met with representatives of the Club and prepared a report for the Commission meeting of 1984 April 18. This report was withdrawn upon receipt by the Commission of correspondence from the Club asking that the matter be tabled until the Club had had an opportunity to meet again with staff.

The Municipal Manager and the Director met with representatives of the Club on Tuesday, 1984 May 01. A further letter of request from the Club prepared subsequent to that meeting is attached to this report for the Commission's information.

THE SUMMER OF 1984:

The Club's present agreement calls for the bubble to be in place for six months of each winter. This six months is based upon the length of normally increment weather but is also based upon a reasonable period of time estimated to make a winter program viable. Prospective players require a reasonable number of months to commit themselves to putting up funds and the program gains credibility from its length of tenure.

Similarly, a reasonable period of time is required so that pay-as-you-go fees are in sufficient amounts to assist in covering fixed costs.

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Unfortunately, during the Winter of 1983/84 due mostly to factors beyond their control, the Club was unable to put the bubble into operation until January 01. Thus two months of the potential six month season were lost.

The Club is asking that the two lost months be added to the end of the season, namely, May 01 to June 30 for a total of six consecutive months as initially planned. This will give the bubble program more credibility, continue to attract additional members and provide an additional revenue stream.

Although these two months are viewed as outdoor play months, there would be no objection on this occasion to extending the indoor season in order to assist the Club. This will leave the three months of July, August and September for open public play. We would so recommend.

The Municipal Solicitor advises that the existing agreement should be left intact and the extension covered by an exchange of signed and sealed correspondence between the Club and the Corporation.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

The Club Executive has assigned a specific Committee to deal with Municipal staff on the question of the bubble program. This Committee consists of Mr. Jack Catherwood, President, Mr. Victor Lipp, Vice-President, Mr. Merv Schweitzer, Chairman of the Bubble Management Committee, and Mr. Brian Coffey, member involved in the Bubble Construction Committee. These assigned members met with the Municipal Manager and the Director on 1984 May 01.

Resulting from that meeting, was a mutual agreement to recommend two additional months in 1984 as previously outlined in this report.

Secondly, the Club presented verbal information which could indicate that the initial estimate of 6 months per year for a viable indoor bubble program was not correct and that based upon an analysis of past attendance and finances, and a further analysis of attendance and finances in May and June of 1984, the Club would like an opportunity to discuss the time required to support a viable bubble operation in future years. As part of this process, Parks and Recreation staff would prepare an analysis of public service based upon estimated opportunities for outdoor play versus indoor play during alternate summer months. Such an analysis would be based upon weather statistics and our knowledge of patterns of public play throughout the Municipality.

It was agreed that such discussions should take place immediately to allow sufficient time for the Club to prepare and present its proposed 1984/85 winter program. At that time, a further report would be brought to the Commission and Council with recommendations for the future.

POSITION OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

In view of the involvement of the Planning and Building Inspection Department in approvals for the bubble installations, the Director requested an opinion from the department. The following is the quotation of their response.

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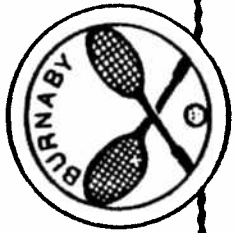
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"The general position of the Planning & Building Inspection Department has been made clear in previous reports received by both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Municipal Council, and remains unchanged. However, in light of the difficulties experienced by the Burnaby Tennis Club with regard to the bubble in this its first and shortened season of use, this Department would not object to the bubble remaining up until the end of June subject to it being clearly understood that this is a one-time consideration applicable to this year only.

This Department expresses its strong concern from a policy view point to the possibility of incremental increases in the 'winter season' in future years envisioned by the further discussions desired by the Club, and to the notion of de facto permanence that is suggested by allowing the bubble to remain up in future years beyond the 6-month span."

Attach.

C.C.
Director Planning & Building Inspection
Director Finance
Municipal Solicitor



BURNABY TENNIS CLUB

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May 2, 1984

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Dear Mr. Gaunt:

Re: The Burnaby Tennis Club Bubble

This letter is to confirm the discussions with you and Mr. Shelley in our meeting of May 1.

We again thank you for the opportunity to update you on our current progress and some of our concerns.

In this regard, we would appreciate your assistance in achieving an alteration for the 1984 season to allow us to keep the Bubble up for the six month period ending June 30 in recognition of our late start of this season at January 1, 1984. It is our intention to operate the facility on a play and pay basis only for the two months of May and June.

As discussed we look forward to working closely with you and your staff regarding our long-term operations.

Yours truly,

Jack Catherwood
President

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