

RE: DEER LAKE PARK - WALKING TRAILS AND ADDITIONAL BEACH AREA

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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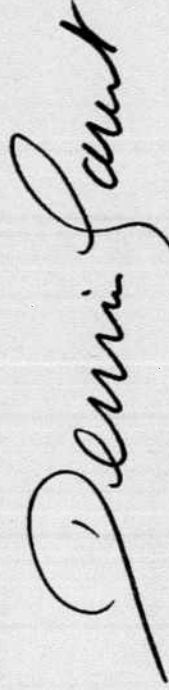
TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : DEER LAKE PARK - WALKING TRAILS AND ADDITIONAL BEACH AREA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1984 July 04 the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and approved the two recommendations contained therein.



DENNIS GAUNT
Director Recreation &
Cultural Services

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Attach.

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RE: DEER LAKE PARK - WALKING TRAILS AND ADDITIONAL BEACH AREA

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Barney B. Osborne, 5140 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Municipal Council for its information.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1984 June 18, Municipal Council lifted from the table and dealt with Item 15, Municipal Manager's Report No:40, 1984 June 11, Re: The Central Area Transportation Planning Study.

Arising out of this item, Council approved eight recommendations one of which was as follows:

'THAT the concerns of the delegations with respect to walking trails and additional beach area at Deer Lake Park be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission.'

A copy of the Municipal Clerk's communication on this subject appears on this agenda under correspondence.

In reviewing an extract of the Council minutes of 1984 June 18 covering the eight delegations that addressed this topic, it would appear that direct reference to additional beach area and trails was made by Mr. Barney B. Osborne. A copy of the extract is attached.

Additional Beach Facilities

The concept plan for Deer Lake Park includes the creation of additional beach area at the east end of the lake slightly north of the existing beach. The development of this area will not go forward until all necessary land acquisitions have been completed.

At that time, the Commission will consider placing beach development funds in a future 5 year capital plan.

Engineering comments on the Deer Lake Plan advise against the creation of beaches at the west end (Oakalla lands) of the lake because of high water table and the peaty and marshy condition of the lake banks.

TRAIL CONNECTIONS

The Burnaby Trail Study includes a number of connections of Deer Lake facilities to outside trail movements and the Commission will recall that it recently completed such a trail connection from Whelen Court.

The Trail Study also provides for a number of inter-connecting trails between the park facilities within Deer Lake Park. Again, these are not part of any current 5 year capital plan but will be considered for inclusion in future plans.

Attach.

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- (b) Mr. Barney B. Osborne, 5140 Sperling Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Planning Study. The conclusion of Mr. Osborne's presentation is contained hereunder:

"In summary, it is my contention that the proposed park drive across Deer Lake Creek to Sperling will unnecessarily bring extra traffic into the neighbourhood. The current road system provides satisfactory public access and allows the park and lane to remain in a natural state. Any movement of the one way street farther south on Sperling or onto Buckingham will further reduce its effectiveness. To me, it would be irresponsible to spend public money during a time of restraint for a program that is unnecessary and one that will have a detrimental impact on our neighbourhood. I urge you to support the light at Clayton and reject the following:

1. The park road to Sperling;
2. The closure of Century Park Way and Dale Avenue;
3. Any movement of the one way Street on Sperling.

Furthermore, I urge you to integrate the park facilities with trails. If there is extra money available for park development I would suggest that this could be put into the development of an additional beach, either at Century Park or down at the Oakalla end of the lake, to take some of the pressure off our end of the lake. Please do not put our neighbourhood through the agony of any more protracted experiments relating to traffic; no more studies; reject these proposals tonight and leave things as they are."

- (c) Mr. Dennis R. Finskars, 5584 Buckingham Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Planning Study. Mr. Finskars advised that he had read the Municipal Manager's reports respecting this matter and requested clarification over the intent of the wording "campus image" and was in disagreement with references in the report to the removal of existing playing surfaces. Mr. Finskars has been involved with sports activities in the municipality for many years and felt that there is a need for additional playing fields, rather than a reduction. Mr. Finskars was further opposed to the relocation of the traffic island on Sperling Avenue. The barricade is doing the job it was intended to do, so why move it. The speaker further questioned the cost for the proposed meandering road and suggested that it is not needed and that Council should not accept the plan as proposed but rather look into the matter of providing additional beach area at Deer Lake with increased parking."

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- (d) This delegation was not in attendance at this evening's Council Meeting.
- (e) Mrs. Beatrice G. Hunter, 5411 Buckingham Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Planning Study. Mrs. Hunter advised that she was definitely not in favour of the study. Mrs. Hunter felt that it would take a considerable amount of taxpayer's money to construct the park road and such a road, in her opinion, is not needed. Mrs. Hunter felt that there was sufficient access to all the activities in the area and it would be more to the point to restrict the proposed road to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The speaker also advised that, in her opinion, if the traffic signal is installed at Canada Way to join Deer Lake Place and Norland Avenue then the first thing that will happen is increased traffic from the freeway will then proceed along Deer Lake Place onto the park drive and then through the neighbourhoods above Deer Lake in order to reach Kingsway. Mrs. Hunter also advised that there was no need to change the location of the barricade on Sperling Avenue, the traffic island will work just as well where it is now as opposed to the proposed location should the Provincial Government approve of a traffic signal at Canada Way and Clayton Avenue. The speaker further requested that Council not connect Deer Lake Avenue and Dale Avenue as this would create a major traffic problem. In conclusion, Mrs. Hunter asked Council to abandon the Study and save the taxpayer's money.
- (f) Dr. Rosalinda B. Verbeek, 5170 Sperling Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Study. Dr. Verbeek advised that she was in basic agreement with everything that had been said by the previous speakers concerning the Planning Study. Dr. Verbeek advised that she was opposed to the park drive concept as it would bring added traffic and related problems to the area which are certainly not needed. The speaker would prefer to see walking and bicycle paths being constructed as opposed to a road for vehicular traffic. Dr. Verbeek also expressed concerns over the proposal to relocate the barricade on Sperling Avenue.
- (g) Mrs. Judith H. Gillan, 5290 Buckingham Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Planning Study. Mrs. Gillan advised Council that she was mainly concerned with the relocation of the barricade on Sperling Avenue, however, she was also concerned with several others matters contained within the Study. Mrs. Gillan advised that providing better access to all the facilities surrounding Deer Lake has no relationship to the relocation of the traffic island on Sperling Avenue. The speaker also went on to advise that she was opposed to the creation of a park drive. In conclusion, Mrs. Gillan requested that Council not relocate the barricade on Sperling Avenue for the reasons provided.
- (h) Mr. John E. Friesen, 5373 Buckingham Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Planning Study. Mr. Friesen advised that he was concerned that the new road as proposed for the park will create a commuter traffic bypass rather than establishing a road for leisurely park access. Mr. Friesen further advised that one of the basic premises that the report is based upon is that a new traffic signal would be installed at Canada Way and Clayton Avenue. A similar request was denied by the Minister of Transportation and Highways several years ago. In conclusion, the speaker advised that the solution that was arrived at with respect to the problem of commuter traffic racing through the Buckingham area has proven to be successful and the area residents do not want to open the problem up again. Mr. Friesen urged Council not to torment the neighbourhood by reopening the possibility of new problems with commuter traffic. The status quo that now exists is acceptable to the majority of the people in the area and it works. Mr. Friesen further urged Council not to proceed with the proposed park drive.

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- (i) Bruce A. Bentley, 5280 Sperling Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Area Transportation Planning Study. Mr. Bentley requested answers to a number of questions regarding the project including the cost of the proposed park drive and relocation of the barricade on Sperling Avenue; future plans for a road to be constructed completely around Deer Lake; of what benefit will this plan be to the residents of Burnaby; and why can't the money being proposed to be spent on the roads be instead spent on development of the Heritage Village waterfront. Mr. Bentley further enquired as to whether Council was aware of the parking problem in the area and what conditions have been placed upon the municipality by the developer of the proposed restaurant for the Hart Mansion. In concluding his presentation Mr. Bentley advised that the residents of Sperling Avenue are experiencing a problem with respect to a property where a house has been demolished and people are now using the property as a parking lot. Lastly, Mr. Bentley urged Council not to relocate the barricade on Sperling Avenue.

- (j) This delegation was not in attendance at this evening's Council Meeting.
- (k) Mr. Peter G. Watson, 5158 Sperling Avenue, then addressed the members of Council regarding the Central Transportation Planning Study. Mr. Watson advised that he strongly objected to the proposals contained within the Study. The present location of the barricade on Sperling Avenue is effective and Mr. Watson did not wish to see the barricade relocated. Mr. Watson questioned why the municipality would contemplate further changes in the road pattern now that the problems seem to have been resolved. Mr. Watson went on to further advise that by proposing to make the changes recommended in the study it appears to indicate that Burnaby is not showing restraint when such is required.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT Item 08, Mmicipal Manager's Report No. 42, 1984 June 18, be brought forward for consideration at this time."

8. Central Area Transportation Planning Study

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Municipal Manager submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building Inspection written in response to a number of items which Council wish to clarify in connection with the Central Area Transportation Planning Study considered by Council as Item 15, Municipal Manager's Report No. 40 at the regular Council Meeting held on 1984 June 11.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT this report be received for information purposes.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

"THAT the recommendation of the Mmicipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

