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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 53  
COUNCIL MEETING 85/08/12

RE: EFFECT OF BARNET HIGHWAY GUN CLUB RANGES' NOISE ABATEMENT PLAN

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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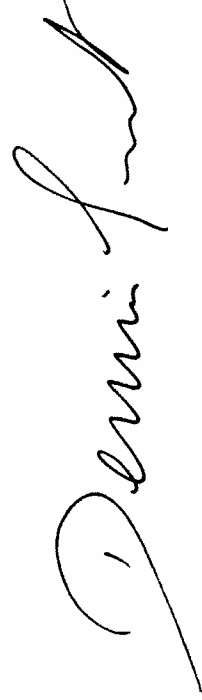
TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES  
RE : EFFECT OF BARNET HIGHWAY GUN CLUB RANGES' NOISE ABATEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1985 August 07 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.

cc: Director Planning & Building Inspection  
Chief Public Health Inspector

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Commission receive this report as information.
2. THAT the report be forwarded to Council for information.

REPORT

The Commission and Council received a report in January 1983 dealing with the future operation and noise abatement at the three Barnet Highway gun clubs.

The conclusions drawn at that time were that through scheduling and public information the impact of the gun clubs' noise emission could be kept at an acceptable level, particularly during the prime user season that is considered to be from June to September.

It was recognized at that time that gun club building modifications would not likely affect the noise levels within the park due to the fact that the sound was the result of the noise bouncing off the mountain side.

This report is prepared as requested by Council 1983 January 28, recommendation number 4, to provide an update on the effects of the proposed program.

The action plan incorporated three elements:

1. Shifts in scheduling during period June to September
2. Building modification experimentation
3. Public education

The clubs have been contacted and staff have been advised that some shifts have occurred in scheduling of shoots during the summer season. The police forces have not been able to adjust as much as hoped, however, have reduced their use of Barnet Gun Club during this summer period. Two meets normally held on two summer weekends have been rescheduled.

The Barnet Rifle Club has completed extensive modifications to its sound barriers and has tested the results. The results generally are the shooting environment for the users is greatly improved. The noise level at the north property line, i.e. (dba) reading, is 7 points lower than the readings taken prior to the modifications.

There is no measurable change within the park since the noise is the result of the sound bouncing off the mountain side. Therefore, the result of the modifications is that the levels continue to be within the permissible by-law levels with no noticeable change within the park.

The third action plan was to continue to inform the public of the range programs. Specifically no significant campaign has taken place. The club members continue to inform the park users as they have the opportunity. Parks staff are answering public enquiries and making them aware of the clubs.

To date Parks and Recreation staff have not received any adverse concerns brought to their attention as a result of the noise from the gun fire.

The conclusions to date are that the clubs' rescheduling of events has improved marginally the conditions in the park.

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Any reasonable improvements to the club facilities sound abatement capabilities do not have a measurable effect on the park and, therefore, expenditures for these improvements are not of value, other than for the gun club users.

The continued public information provided through staff contact in the park is adequate in dealing with any enquiries or concerns. To date the public, based on the expressed comments, does not have a negative attitude towards the presence of the clubs and the resultant noise.

Staff continue to recognize the value of the three clubs' service to the community and support their programs. The clubs will continue to make efforts to reduce activity in the summer months as per the plan.

Staff have contacted Simon Fraser University Bursar and are advised that the clubs will operate beyond December 1985 on a year to year lease agreement. The University at this time does not have any concerns with the operation and effects of the clubs' activities.

The proposed plan as implemented has been effective in maintaining the public's acceptance of the noise in the park and continued support for the clubs' activities.

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c.c. Director Planning & Building Inspection

