

ITEM 1
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 23
COUNCIL MEETING 85/03/25

RE: LETTER FROM MR. F. PEL WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
1985 MARCH 18 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 3 h)
ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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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1985 MARCH 20

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL FROM F. PEL CONCERNING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. F. Pel, 4278 Watling St.,
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 1V2.

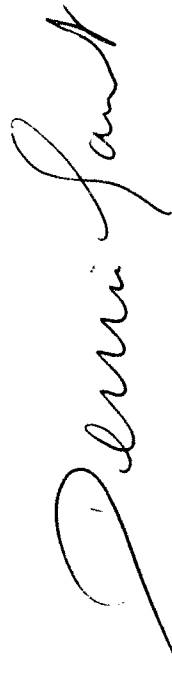
REPORT

Appearing under Correspondence on the Council Agenda of 1985 March 18 was a
letter from F. Pel expressing a concern about the lack of activities for young
people in our community.

A copy of the correspondence was forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Commission
who received the attached staff report on the subject at its meeting of 1985
March 20.

The Commission approved the following recommendations of the report:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Municipal Council for information.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to F. Pel.



DENNIS GAUNT
Director Recreation &
Cultural Services

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Attach.

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Appearing under correspondence on this agenda is a copy of a letter from F. Pel to the Municipal Council. This letter expresses a concern about the lack of activities for young people in our community.

The writer was contacted for clarification of the problem. The writer's perspective is that there is a general need for more youth activity opportunities in the community. There is expressed in the letter a particular interest in a roller skating facility, and social opportunities such as those available through Chuck E. Cheese.

The enquiry and concern is of a general nature rather than based on a particular experience or youth problem. It is generally agreed by both Youth Services staff of the R.C.M.P. and Recreation staff that there are opportunities for youth and that there is not a particular youth "problem" needing special attention. There is available through the services of a wide variety of community sport organizations, the Parks and Recreation Department and other agencies a broad base of sport, social, cultural and volunteer opportunities for youth. These activities are well supported.

It is recognized that residents of some areas in Burnaby, such as the South Slope, do not have extensive recreation facility opportunities and, therefore, opportunities are somewhat limited.

The Parks and Recreation Commission Master Plan calls for the establishment of an Eastburn type recreation centre in the vicinity of McPherson Park/School which is the activity centre of the South Slope; also for a major recreation centre on the Bonsor Park site in Metrotown at the top of the South Slope.

The provision of more extensive indoor recreation facilities will certainly aid in meeting the broad interests of the youth in Burnaby. These type of facilities are also being considered for other parts of Burnaby as well as the South Slope.

The provision of a roller skating facility has always been considered as a private enterprise business. It appears that the viability of such a business is marginal and possibly, for this reason Burnaby does not have a roller skating facility.

Over the years, there has been interest from the community for a roller skating facility. It would be desirable to consider encouraging the business community to look at providing such a facility in the Burnaby or adjoining area as suggested in the letter.

Roller skating has been offered at Kensington Park Arena during the spring and summer for the past three years. Participation has been increasing but it is still a small part of our program. It will continue to be encouraged as long as the interest is sustained.

The answer to the concern about providing positive involvement for youth continues to be a challenge. To date our experience has been that a large segment of the age group from 14 to 17 are not interested in organized activities and truly enjoy just socializing. Recreation centres provide this opportunity for many youth in Burnaby.

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cc - Director Planning & Building Inspection
Officer-in-Charge R.C.M.P.