

ITEM 3
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 4
COUNCIL MEETING 86/01/20

RE: LETTER FROM THE HUNGARIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION WHICH APPEARED ON THE
AGENDA FOR THE 1985 DECEMBER 16 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4 f)
HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY MONUMENT

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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1986 JANUARY 15

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : LETTER FROM HUNGARIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - CORRESPONDENCE (F) COUNCIL
AGENDA 1985 DECEMBER 16 - RE: HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY MONUMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Hungarian Memorial Foundation be advised that their proposed donation of a Hungarian Community Monument does not fit with the Corporation's practice on the erection of such monuments.

REPORT

Appearing on the Council Agenda for 1985 December 16 was a letter from Mr. R. Major, Executive Vice-President of the Hungarian Memorial Foundation B.C., asking Council to accept a donation of a memorial in memory of those Hungarians who died in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, to be located in a park site.

As this request has park implications, the Council was advised that the matter would be placed before the Parks & Recreation Commission at its January 1986 meeting.

At its meeting of 1986 January 15 the Commission received a staff report on this subject.

The Commission was advised that within Burnaby park sites, we have a wide variety of memorials which include plaques, mosaics, cenotaphs and totem poles. In one case, we even have a piece of sidewalk that was to be destroyed during a reconstruction project which contains the inscribed name of a local pioneer in memory of whom a local park had subsequently been named. The inscription was salvaged in order to be suitably mounted during the development of the namesake park site.

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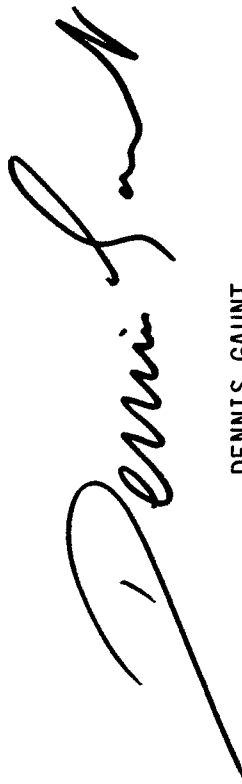
Our practice is for all our memorials to depict some aspect of Canadian history; in particular the plaques which are used often relate the local history of the past 100 years or so of such significant locations as the Barnett Marine Park and also neighbourhood parks that were once occupied by pioneer families. A new series of historic plaques of this type is being planned for the Fraser Foreshore to create a historic walk for park patrons.

It is not our practice to construct monuments on Burnaby park sites depicting aspects from the history of other countries, even though the validity of the event to be commemorated can be readily recognized by all concerned.

On this basis, it will be clearly seen that the request from the Hungarian Memorial Foundation does not fit within the practice of the Parks & Recreation Commission with respect to the erection of monuments on park sites.

The Commission approved the following recommendations of the staff report:

1. THAT the Hungarian Memorial Foundation be advised that their proposed donation of a Hungarian Community Monument does not fit with the Corporation's practice on the erection of such monuments.
2. THAT the Commission so recommend to Council.



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DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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