

ITEM 5  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 63  
COUNCIL MEETING 86/10/20

RE: PARKING BY-LAW FOR BONSOR PARK

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 OCTOBER 15

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES  
RE : PARKING BY-LAW FOR BONSOR PARK


RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a by-law for the control of parking in Bonsor Park as outlined in this report be brought forward.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1986 October 15, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the following recommendations as contained therein:

1. THAT the Commission approve a bylaw for controlling parking in Bonsor Park, as outlined in the report.
2. THAT the Commission request Council to authorize the Municipal Solicitor to prepare the bylaw for controlling parking in Bonsor Park.

  
DENNIS GAUNT  
DIRECTOR RECREATION  
& CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

cc: Municipal Solicitor

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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REPORT

Since the Metrotown Mall opened in recent weeks, patrons for Bonsor Park (which includes Bonsor swimming pool, the old Recreation Centre, the tennis courts and sportsfields) have experienced difficulties in using the facilities because Bonsor Park parking lots have been occupied by the Metrotown Mall clientele. The situation is further aggravated because of the present construction of the new Bonsor Recreation Centre. The parking lots at Bonsor provide a service for patrons using the Park and its easy availability encourages the use of Bonsor facilities. Once the new Recreation Centre is complete, the need for parking availability will be even more serious; because of the numerous recreational activities that will be taking place.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

At present there is no bylaw controlling parking in Bonsor Park and thus there is no way of ensuring that parking is limited to park users. A similar problem arose at Central Park parking lots, when parking became unavailable to park patrons because employees of B.C. Telephone Company were utilizing the parking lots. Consequently, a bylaw to regulate parking of motor vehicles within Central Park was enacted and this bylaw has proved effective in controlling parking at Central Park. Staff propose a similar bylaw for Bonsor Park which would ensure the following:

- a) that parking is for park users only.
- b) that there would be no parking elsewhere in the Park other than in the parking lot.
- c) that there would be no contravention of signs prohibiting parking or limiting the time during which a motor vehicle may be legally parked.
- d) that any owner of motor vehicle parked in contravention of the bylaw would be required to pay for the cost of removal or impoundment of the vehicle before it was released.

ENFORCEMENT

When staff at Central Park installed 'Patron Parking Only' signs, it was not an effective method of stopping non-patrons from parking. Police could not enforce the 'law' on the basis of a sign, until a bylaw was passed. A similar bylaw should be passed for Bonsor Park. For a few weeks the staff could identify and warn non-patrons about the tow-away procedure for violating the bylaw. Thereafter, vehicles parked in contravention of the bylaw would be towed away at owner's expense.

Staff recommend that the Municipal Solicitor be authorized to prepare such a bylaw. If this bylaw is passed, Bonsor Park patrons will be able to enjoy the Parks and Recreation facilities and have no frustrations in finding parking on the premises.