

ITEM 13
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 59
COUNCIL MEETING 88/09/19

RE: LETTER FROM MR. S. MANCINELLI - COUNCIL AGENDA 1988 AUGUST 22

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Recreation & Cultural Services be adopted.

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1988 SEPTEMBER 13

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : **LETTER FROM MR. S. MANCINELLI - COUNCIL AGENDA 1988 AUGUST 22**
PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to respond to concerns expressed by Mr. S. Mancinelli regarding the Burnaby trail system and Confederation Park

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.


REPORT

At its meeting of 1988 August 22, Council received correspondence from Mr. S. Mancinelli representing K.O.W.L. (Keep Our World Livable), an ecology encounter group.

Mr. Mancinelli had a number of comments about both the trail system and Confederation Park.

The Parks & Recreation Commission also received Mr. Mancinelli's correspondence and a staff report responding to his concerns, at its meeting of 1988 September 07.

A copy of this report is attached for the information of Council.



DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

RE: LETTER - S. MANCINELLI, AUGUST 11, 1988

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. S. Mancinelli be sent a copy of this report.

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REPORT

Appearing under correspondence on this Agenda is a letter from Mr. S. Mancinelli. It is a proposal regarding the merits of, linking the North Burnaby nature trails, developing a perimeter walkway around Kensington Park and creating an accessible walking trail in Confederation Park.

Several pieces of correspondence have been received from Mr. Mancinelli over the past year regarding his proposals and concerns for Kensington Park and its vicinity.

The Parks Department has responded to each of these letters. This latest letter reiterates many of the concerns raised in his previous letters and presents proposals based on information that we've responded to him with.

For example: "Phase I - Linking up of the North Burnaby Nature Trails." The issue of all these trail connections for the Kensington Park area was outlined to Mr. Mancinelli in the Commission report of 1988 08 03. With the exception of "G" (Phase III), the entire municipal trail system was inventoried and a development program established in 1986. This document had already identified and addressed the issues now being raised in Mr. Mancinelli's letter.

With regard to "Phase II" - The enhancement of Kensington Park with a walking path around the pitch and putt; both the previously mentioned report and the Commission report of 1988 06 15, make reference to the status of this and the other issues Mr. Mancinelli has raised in this latest piece of correspondence.

With regard to the rest of Mr. Mancinelli's comments on Confederation Park, it is obviously not our mandate to bring about the needless devastation of nature. While no needless dumping of fill is ever done in our parks, it is agreed that any encroachment of fill to adjacent trees should be mitigated.

Accessibility for handicapped and disabled people is an important consideration for all parks. Any extra measures that may be needed will be addressed with the specific user group as required.

Mr. Mancinelli refers to "...one of the most beautiful walks in North Burnaby." This follows the north side of Penzance Drive and along the C.P.R. right-of-way. This suggestion can certainly be noted. Presently there is a long term inter-municipal trail proposal being discussed between municipalities. This "vision" would provide a trail link from Belcarra to Vancouver along the shores of the Inlet.

As has been inferred in previous reports to Mr. Mancinelli, he reiterates many of the good intentions the Commission has and should be thanked for confirming them.

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