

RE: YOUTH IN GREYSTONE - SHORT TERM STRATEGIES
ITEM #31, MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 47, 1988 JULY 11

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1988 SEPTEMBER 20

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : YOUTH IN GREYSTONE - SHORT TERM STRATEGIES
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the process to be followed by the Parks & Recreation Commission in assessing the potential for advancing the priority of constructing the Squid Lake Recreational facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

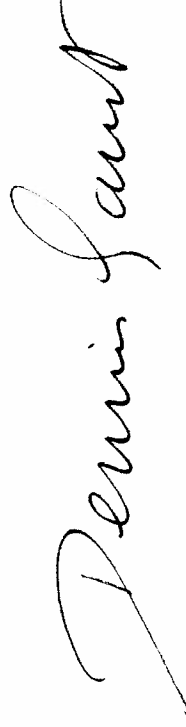
1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

The attached staff report, received by the Parks & Recreation Commission at its meeting of 1988 September 21, outlines the Municipality's needs for additional recreational facilities as identified in the Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan.

It also summarizes the Municipality's past processes for funding major Capital expenditures and identifies potential costs for the Squid Lake Recreation Centre.

The Commission will be considering this information when the new Parks & Recreation Department Five Year Capital Plan is developed over the next few weeks. This plan will of course be submitted to Council for consideration as part of the total Municipal Five Year Plan.



DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

**RE: CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
SQUID LAKE RECREATION FACILITY**

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Municipal Council.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1988 August 03, the Commission received a memo from the Municipal Clerk advising that arising from consideration of a report on "Youth in Greystone - Short Term Strategies", Council had approved the following recommendations:

1. THAT Council request the Ministry of Social Services and Housing to provide funding for a youth worker position for the Greystone area, under the Reconnect Program, as described in this report.
2. THAT Council request the Burnaby School Board to authorize School District staff to negotiate an agreement with municipal staff for the use of school space near Greystone to accommodate a youth worker.
3. THAT Council request the Parks & Recreation Commission to consider the possibility of advancing the priority of constructing the Squid Lake recreation facility.
4. THAT copies of this report be sent to the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Municipal Crime Prevention Committee, the Burnaby School Board, the Lochdale Community Association, the Montecito Parents Group, Forest Grove Community Association, Swedish-Canadian Rest Home, members of the Greystone Advisory Group, Bosa Brothers Construction and Barry Jones, M.L.A., Burnaby North.

The Commission referred item #3 to staff for a report and the Chairman advised that the placing of the Squid Lake Centre within the Five Year Capital Plan would be discussed at a future meeting of the Finance & Capital Development Committee.

This report is provided to assist the Commission in its consideration when the Five Year Capital Plan is discussed.

Current Five Year Plan

No funds are included in the years 1988 - 1991 for recreational facilities. The final year, 1992 contains preliminary planning and design costs for expansion or replacement of the following recreation buildings:

New Burnaby Arts Centre	\$1,000,000
Eastburn Community Centre	70,000
Kensington Leisure Complex	266,000
Wesburn Centre	140,000.

As the Commission is aware the final year of every Five Year Plan is not a firm commitment; in fact it represents a list of major projects which are included in the full realization that they will not be funded in that year. Their inclusion in the plan is only to show intent so that if an outside funding source, such as a private donation, or a grant program should become available, the project has been identified as having a Municipal priority.

Some projects which are identified in the Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan are considered to be so low in priority that they are not even shown in the last year of the Five Year Plan. An example of recreation facilities that to date have fallen into this category are the Basic District Recreation Centres at McPherson Park, Confederation Park and Squid Lake Park. Although it should be noted that the development of Squid Lake Park has been considered a priority and funds for further park development are in the existing Five Year Plan (\$330,000 in 1989 and \$244,600 in 1992).

However, it is important to emphasize that recreational use patterns and community needs are continually evaluated and the Capital Plan adjusted.

The Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan identifies the following Recreational Centres which need to be built or upgraded:

- Neighbourhood Level

Willington Heights Centre (expand gym)
Several neighbourhood schools (additional community use rooms)

- District Level - Basic

Confederation Park
Squid Lake Park
Wesburn Park (upgrading from neighbourhood Centre)
McPherson Park
Eastburn Centre (upgrading)

- District Level - Specialized

Kensington Park
Burnaby Lake

As construction of these facilities represents a major outlay of funds, it is necessary to find a source of funding other than the Annual Tax Draw.

Past practice has been for the Commission to have an annual Capital Budget financed from the Tax Draw to fund minor projects only. The annual allocation was approximately \$831,000 prior to 1985 and approximately \$531,000 since that time. The \$300,000 decrease was made as a result of a commitment to Council in recognition of the \$11.5 million Major Parks & Recreation Program approved by Council in 1985 and started in 1986.

Major building projects have only been made possible through either public referendums or through Council's approval of financing through borrowing from Capital Reserves.

The Commission is now part way through the major development program approved by Council in 1985 and started in 1986. This program will conclude in 1990.

The 1985 program concentrated on meeting the most pressing needs at that time and included Bonsor Recreation Centre in South Burnaby and Confederation Centre for the Retired and Cameron Recreation Centre in North Burnaby.

If past practice is followed, the Commission will continue to assess Municipal needs so that by 1991 another major building program can be presented to Council for consideration and allocation of funding. Squid Lake Recreation Centre would of course be considered in compiling this program.

Another option, if circumstances warrant, is for the Commission to deviate from past practice and approach Council for special funding of a project prior to 1991. This is necessary as the Commission's yearly Capital allocation from taxes amounts to only \$531,000 per year.

Potential costs of Squid Lake Recreation Centre

The square footage requirement for Squid Lake Recreation Centre is approximately 25,000 sq.ft. This will provide a Centre similar to Eastburn Centre but including the expanded gym and racquetball courts which Eastburn Centre lacks.

A rough estimate of Capital Cost is \$2,750,000 with annual operating costs of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

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