

ITEM 13
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING 89/01/23

RE: BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX - SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FACILITY

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1989 JANUARY 16

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX - SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FACILITY
PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authority for prior expenditure of \$10,000 allocated in the Parks & Recreation Department 1989 Provisional Contribution to Capital Budget for a geo-technical study of a portion of the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex area - the future site of a municipal Baseball/Softball Spectator Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be given for the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Parks & Recreation Department 1989 Provisional Operating Budget - Contribution to Capital - for a geo-technical study of the future municipal Baseball/Softball Spectator Facility and for initial clearing, filling, and grading of the site.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1989 January 18, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached report on the above subject and approved the two recommendations contained therein.



DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

cc: Director Finance
Director Planning & Building Inspection
Director Engineering

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. THAT an expenditure of \$10,000 from general revenue included in the 1989 Provisional Operating Budget be approved to undertake a geotechnical study in the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex area and begin initial clearing, filling and grading operations, in preparation for the eventual development of future softball and baseball facilities.
2. THAT Council be requested to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 prior to the approval of the 1989 - 1993 Capital Budget.

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REPORT

The Parks and Recreation Department's Master Plan proposes that a major Baseball/Softball spectator facility be developed at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. The purpose of the facility is to concentrate the softball and baseball games into one large centrally located area thus relieving scheduling problems experienced on existing fields. The facility will provide more space to meet the growing demands for softball and to provide a quality senior competitive baseball facility. Also, without an adequate enclosed spectator facility, Burnaby softball clubs are unable to host provincial and national playoffs which require these standards of facilities as a prerequisite.

The Burnaby Lake Sports Complex Development Plan Concept produced in 1976 identified most of the land adjacent to Still Creek as future parkland. The area in question is shown on the attached sketch. The development of softball facilities would advance the recommendations within that study. The development would also represent an extension of, and be complementary to, the existing sports complex facilities.

Before the planning and designs for the site can be finalized it is necessary to complete a soils analysis study. Much of this area is underlain with variable depths of peat and clay soils that are weak in character and as a result, can present problems of development unless proper engineering guidelines are followed. This is particularly true in areas adjacent Still Creek where very weak conditions could pose limitations to park development. A soils study will determine the type and nature of the ground conditions and provide recommendations for treatment that will facilitate the development.

In 1985 the Corporation implemented a geotechnical overview study of the municipal lands adjacent to, but not on, this park site. From that study, generalizations can be made about the nature and depth of the peat soils and the engineering practices appropriate for the prescribed type of development. However, because of the very sensitive nature of the site in close proximity to the creek edge a site specific study with directly applicable recommendations from a geotechnical engineer is warranted.

Funds remaining in the account after the study is completed will be used to initiate filling operations. This operation may take several years; the rate of filling will be dictated by both the availability of select free fill and specifications of the geotechnical engineer which usually call for slow gradual filling on peat soils of this nature.

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Filling operations will respect the visual character of the site. Existing natural buffers will be retained along the perimeter of all roadways and the fill will be graded and seeded on an ongoing basis. The natural setting of Still Creek will be protected through the retention of a 200 foot natural buffer which will not be filled.

Prior approval is being sought at this time so that the study can be completed in time to take advantage of as much of the free fill as possible that becomes available throughout the 1989 development season.

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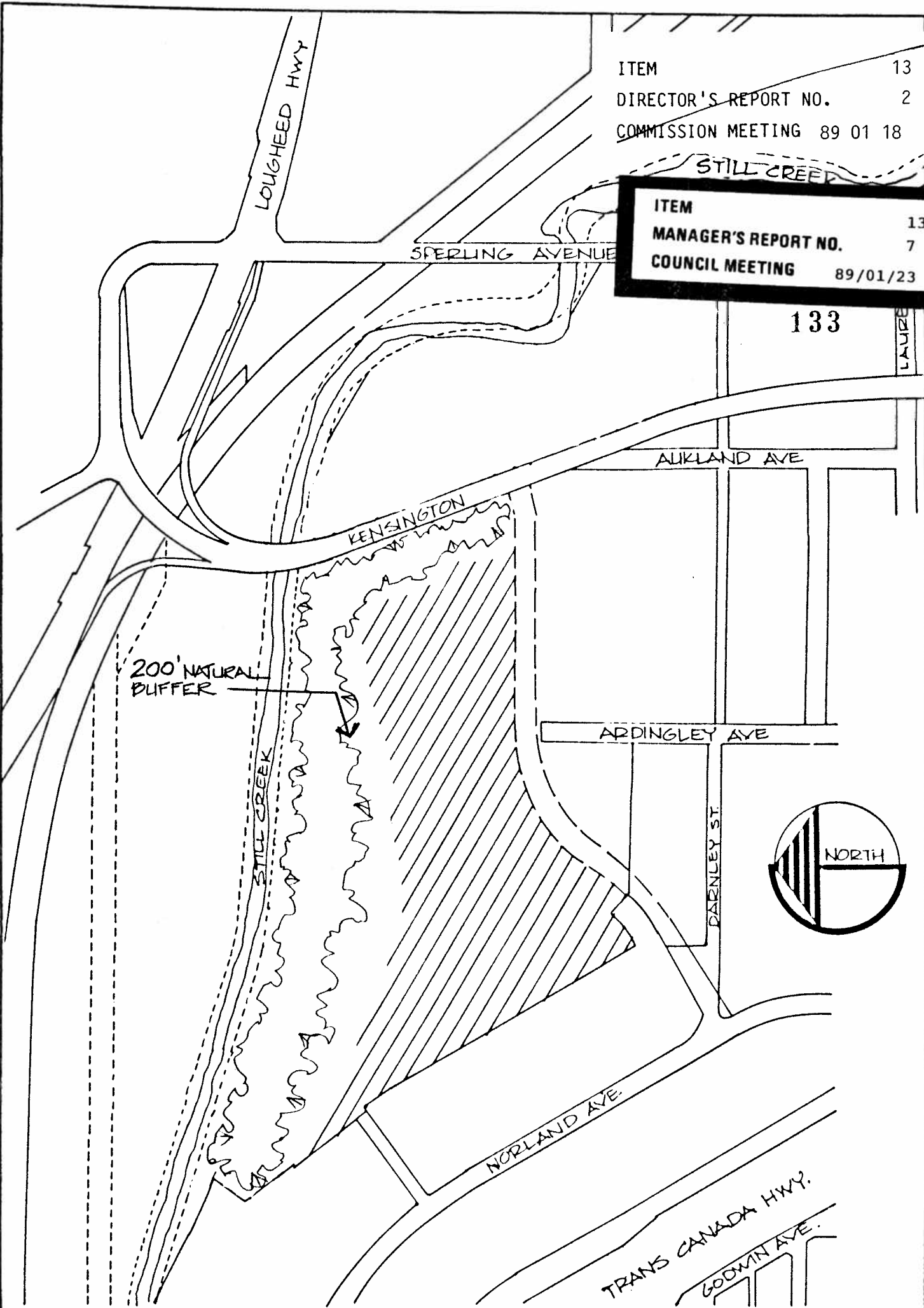
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Attachment (1)

cc: Director Engineering
Director Planning and Building Inspection
Director of Finance

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PROPOSED GEOTECHNICAL STUDY AREA
 RE: FUTURE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FACILITY

<p>PROJECT</p> <p>BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FACILITY</p>	<p>DESIGNED BY</p> <p>DRAWN BY LW</p> <p>CHECKED BY</p> <p>DATE 09/01</p> <p>SCALENTS</p>	<p>BURNABY parks & recreation department</p> <p>DRAWING No. OP. 9-1-1055</p> <p>REV.</p>
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