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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	45
COUNCIL MEETING	89/06/26

RE: SPORTSFIELD MAINTENANCE DURING TRACK EVENTS AT SWANGARD STADIUM

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1989 JUNE 21

**TO:** MUNICIPAL MANAGER

**FROM:** DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

**RE:** SPORTSFIELD MAINTENANCE DURING TRACK EVENTS AT SWANGARD STADIUM

**PURPOSE:** To respond to a letter from Valerie Parker of Southlands Elementary School regarding sportsfield maintenance during track events at Swangard Stadium.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Valerie Parker of Southlands Elementary School, 5351 Camosun Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6N 2C4.

REPORT

Appearing on this Agenda under correspondence is a letter from Valerie Parker, a teacher of Southlands Elementary School. Ms. Parker expressed concern of the turf sportsfield being fertilized during elementary schools, track events at Swangard Stadium.

On the morning of 1989 June 08, the staff at Swangard Stadium were spreading (not spraying) a granular fertilizer of 12-4-8 (nitrogen-phosphate-potassium) on the sportsfield. The fertilizer was being spread ten meters away from the track, using a rotary spreader. The fertilizer used has the following components:

9%	Diammonium Phosphate
23%	Urea
14%	Muriate of Potash 0-0-62
54%	Calcium Carbonate

The maintenance operation was terminated immediately staff were requested to do so.

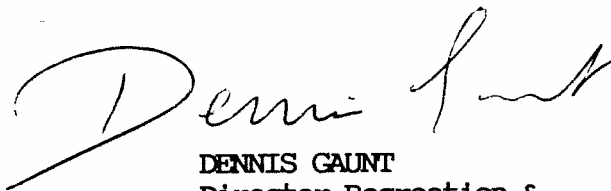
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Fertilizing commenced in the afternoon in the middle of the sportsfield, at a time when staff believed the events were over, but there were a few people who remained behind after the events were over. Swangard Stadium has high use at this time of the year and in order to prepare the sportsfield for use the next day, staff decided to fertilize and water down the sportsfield when the track was being used. They would then be left with time to repair and glue parts of the track after the School Championships. This would give enough time for the glue to cure overnight, before power-washing the track the next morning, (Friday), prior to the Harry Jerome Track meeting at the weekend.

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The normal practice at Swangard Stadium is to ask organizers of an event, if they have any objections to maintenance being carried out on one facility when events are taking place on another facility, at the same time. It was an oversight on the part of staff not to have done so in the case of the Vancouver Elementary School Championships.



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