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REPORT
Regular Council Meeting
1989 October 30

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RE: PROPOSED RACE TRACK FACILITY FOR THE BIG BEND AREA

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council write to the Provincial Ministry of the Solicitor General requesting that Burnaby not be eliminated from consideration as a potential site for the proposed new horse racing facility.
2. THAT Council endorse the undertaking of a study by staff into all aspects of the proposal to locate a horse racing facility in the Big Bend area of Burnaby.

REPORT

In order to assist Council in its consideration of a request from the Ministry of the Solicitor General to approve in principle the location of a horse racing facility in the Big Bend area, I feel it is very important to obtain a staff report on the ramifications of all aspects of the proposal. The report would include;

- a) Engineering Department comments on matters such as road patterns, traffic management as it would impact on the residents of the south slope and also the servicing requirements that would be necessary.
- b) Planning Department comments on such items as the suitability of the site in terms of land use and whether the proposed use would be homogeneous/compatible with existing land uses and future land use plans.
- c) An Economic Development report which would provide an indication of possible economic benefits which would accrue to this municipality as a result of having a horse racing facility located within our boundaries. This would include an assessment of the economic spinoff to Burnaby businesses.
- d) Environmental Health Department comments on the factors which will have an effect on the environmental conditions in the Big Bend area.
- e) Finance Department comments on the financial implications including any increased tax base and further expected revenues or taxes that may become due to the municipality.
- f) Parks and Recreation Commission comments on how such a facility would impact on existing and planned parks projects in the area.

Council or staff may also wish to consider the use of outside consultants to investigate some areas of the proposal. The Municipal Manager will be responsible for coordinating the report and presenting it to Council along with any previous reports/studies which may have been completed regarding the Big Bend area and its value as an agricultural reserve.

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Once the staff report is completed Council may wish to hold a Public Meeting(s) in the area. The purpose of the meeting(s) would be twofold; first to communicate to the public of all aspects of the proposal and secondly to provide an opportunity for the public to express their views and be part of the decision making process.

I believe by adopting the recommendations Council, staff and the public will have ample opportunity for input and a decision can be reached based on the results of a complete study into the matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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