

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 FEBRUARY 07
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : **VANCOUVER ANGLING AND GAME ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
IMPLEMENT STREAM AND ENHANCEMENT WORK IN BYRNE CREEK RAVINE PARK**
PURPOSE : To advise Council of the Parks and Recreation Commission's
approval in principle given to the Vancouver Angling and Game
Association for stream enhancement and trail restoration work in
Byrne Creek Ravine.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT this report be received for information.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1991 February 06, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.

DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

cc: Director Planning & Building Inspection
Acting Chief Health Inspector
director Engineering

RE: VANCOUVER ANGLING AND GAME ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT STREAM AND ENHANCEMENT WORK IN BYRNE CREEK RAVINE PARK

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. THAT the Vancouver Angling and Game Association be given approval in principle as outlined in this report for stream enhancement and trail restoration work in Byrne Creek Ravine Park.
2. That a copy of this report be sent to Council.
3. That a copy of this report be sent to the Association.

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REPORT

At its meeting of 1991 January 23, the Commission received a copy of correspondence from the Vancouver Angling and Game Association which had been directed to Municipal Council and was received by Council on 1991 January 28.

The correspondence concerns salmon enhancement measures that have occurred in Byrne Creek from Ron McLean Park to Marine Drive. Council has called for a report on this subject.

The association recognizes the educational, recreational and environmental potential of the ravine and would like to implement a number of programs that promote those assets. They are requesting permission to implement both stream enhancement and trail development work within Byrne Creek Ravine Park.

Specifically, the club is seeking permission to:

- 1) Remove debris and clean up the creek.
- 2) Construct a trail along the west side of Byrne Creek from Ron McLean Park to Marine Drive.
- 3) Promote public awareness and education.

The program is comparable to the work the Sapperton Fish and Game Club has done on the Brunette River. Their adopt-a-stream approach has been instrumental in conservation of the stream and the restoration of fish stocks. As well, their energies have contributed to quality community life by providing fishing related recreational opportunities and public education programs. The proposal by the Vancouver Angling and Game Club for Byrne Creek should be supported for the same reasons. The proposed stream and trail enhancement works will contribute to the recreational opportunities and promote public conservation of the stream. This area will become very important in the next few years, particularly with the expansion of the entire Edmonds Town Center Area occurring adjacent to the ravine.

It is recommended that approval in principle be given at this time. This will enable the association to formulate their detailed plans which can then be brought forward for final approval.

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1.0 Stream Clean-up work

Byrne Creek contains a number of pieces of debris such as car parts and appliances. They have been left in place because of the steep terrain and difficulty in extracting the debris. However, permission to extract the debris should be given to the association if they obtain fisheries agencies approval and can demonstrate to staff how the material can be removed without causing damage to the ravine or propose restoration measures that can be implemented. Parks maintenance staff will assist with possible solutions and actual disposal of any material recovered.

2.0 Trail Construction

The Association proposes to construct a trail on the west side of the creek at the bottom of the ravine from Ron McLean Park to Marine Drive. There is currently a dirt path along this route which is proposed in the master plan for future trail development. The trail is highly desirable but will be difficult and costly to construct because of the terrain. Park staff will assist the Association in developing plans for construction. All final plans would be brought to the Commission for approval prior to construction.

The trail would have to be constructed to our existing standards and once completed, would be the responsibility of our department to maintain.

3.0 Public education

We encourage the club to promote public use of the ravine and education programs to help preserve it. The municipality can also contribute to any special events in the same sort of fashion as done with the Sapperston Fish and Game Club on the Brunette River if specific requests are made. The Association is also encouraged to promote the storm drain marking program in the Byrne Creek Watershed. Departmental staff will aid with the initial contacts with the Department of Fisheries to get this segment of the program underway.

4.0 Funding

The Commission is being asked to contribute to the cost of the program although a specific amount is not being requested at this time. It is recommended that the association first undertake fundraising themselves and apply for all applicable grants. The Environmental Youth Corps Program funds all labour and equipment costs and the Environmental Partners fund finances up to 50 percent of approved work. Application form and details on the programs have been forwarded to the Association.

Once all the designs and estimates are completed and all funding sources have been explored, the association could then reapply to the Commission. The Commission has not budgeted any funds for such a project. It would have to be reviewed in conjunction with future budgets and the Commission's other priorities.

5.0 Union Approval

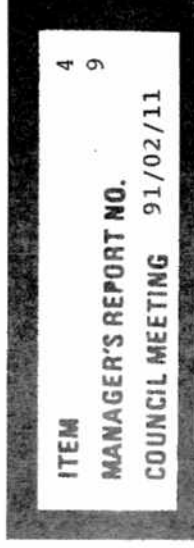
The President of Local 23 has indicated that initially, in principle, they can support the proposal because it is within their guidelines that:

- (1) the work does not involve work normally done by our own forces or,
- (2) it provides amenities such as a trail that will require future maintenance which would be done by union members.
- (3) They be permitted to review detailed proposals before final approval is given.

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The approach as recommended in this report has been reviewed by the Secretary of the association and is considered acceptable.



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Director Engineering