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1991 JANUARY 02

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

RE : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BURNABY SENIOR MIXED SLO-PITCH
DATED 1990 DECEMBER 14

PURPOSE: To advise Council of the circumstances regarding the request from the Burnaby Senior Mixed Slo-pitch League for a fee waiver at the Riverway Sports Complex

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Appearing on the Council Agenda for 1991 January 07, is a letter from the Burnaby Senior Mixed Slo-Pitch League which in part comments upon their request to have the fees waived for the 1991 National Mixed Championship Tournament to be held at Riverway, August 02 through 05, 1991. The request was not approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission receives requests each year for the waiving of fees across all its facilities and exercises discretion in the granting of such waivers. Sports field user fees for adult groups which includes tournament rates, have been in effect since 1983 and to date it has been the practice of the Commission not to waive rental fees for use of Burnaby's sports fields with the exception of charitable fundraisers which are considered on an individual basis and which usually take place at Swangard Stadium.

It is felt that because sports field rental fees are already a highly subsidized rate, it is not appropriate to grant further fee reductions or waivers.

The cost of a ball diamond for adult play is \$37.00 per day. This cost is regarded as nominal when divided by the number of hours of play per day and the number of adults participating per hour. The rest (majority) of the cost of provision of the facility is funded from the general tax rate.

Because the event requires the full facility (7 diamonds) for four days, the administrative costs to the League (\$37.00 per day per diamond) add up to \$1,036. To this is added four beer garden days (from an annual community total of 40 beer garden days) 3 for \$200 and 1 at \$85 for a total of \$285. The beer gardens are assigned on the basis of a service to participants and spectators and a method of fundraising to support the event to which they are allotted.



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Director Recreation &
Cultural Services

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