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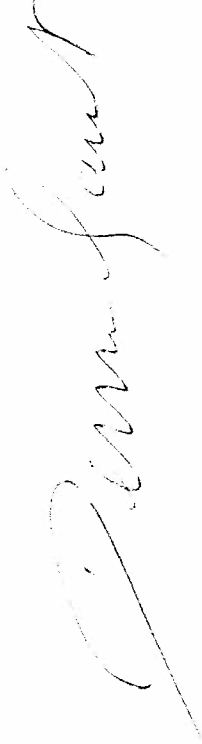
TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 JULY 04
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : REQUESTS FOR PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT - KINNEE PARK
PURPOSE : To respond to citizens' requests regarding playground development
at Kinnee Park

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the attached report be forwarded to the three correspondents.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1991 July 03, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached report on the above subject and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Council and the three correspondents.

REPORT

The attached letter (Attachment #1) requesting playground development at Kinnee Park was received by Council at its meeting of 1991 June 24. Attachments #2 and #3 are also requests for this development from other residents.

The correspondents express concern that the playground development for Kinnee Park which was shown in year 2 (1991) of 1990-1994 Capital Budget has now been moved to year 5 (1995) of the 1991-1995 Capital Budget.

A review by staff of the 1991-1995 Capital Budget also shows that an item for general development of Kinnee Park is shown in year 3 (1993).

This means that if local residents determine that play equipment should be the first component in the park development, some of the 1993 funds could be used for playground equipment.

When members of the public inquire about the scheduled year of development for a park, staff provide the current information from the Council approved 5 Year Capital Plan. Those inquiring are also advised that only the first year projects of the Plan are firm commitments. The priority of projects in the other 4 years are re-evaluated each year to produce a new 5 Year Plan.

There are many reasons for changes in priorities when a new plan is developed. In the case of playground development, these can include changes in patterns of usage and unanticipated need to replace worn equipment to ensure the safety of the children using the equipment.

The Commission has been sensitive to other requests from Kinnee Park area residents. In 1987 the Andras Place Housing Co-operative of which two of the current correspondents are members, wrote to the Commission and offered an \$8,000 donation for playground equipment if the Commission could advance its plans for the park development. The Commission responded to this request by changing priorities and cleaning up, contouring, and seeding the site at a cost of \$12,500.

Unfortunately, the Andras Place Co-operative was not able to carry through with the provision of play equipment because of other financial commitments. At that time the Board of Directors suggested in a letter to staff that the Co-operative would continue to consider such a provision and expressed its appreciation for the vast improvement to the area resulting from the work carried out by the Commission.

In 1990 several parents contacted staff to advise that the park was being well used by children for open lawn play. They requested that a fence be erected along the Willingdon Avenue boundary of the park to deter children from running onto Willingdon Avenue in pursuit of balls, etc.

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This request was agreed to and the fence installed at a cost of \$3,750.

The shrubs referred to in Mrs. Sorley's letter (Attachment #3) were included in this cost estimate in order to mitigate the visual impact of the chain-link fence.

The current requests for accelerated playground development are understandable and the Commission will have the opportunity to re-assess the priority of Kinnee Park playground development when it finalizes its 1992-1996 Capital Budget over the next few months.

In the meantime, the Central Park playground will continue to provide play opportunities for residents adjacent to Kinnee Park.

Staff will provide the three correspondents with a copy of this report and will also speak to them directly to answer any questions and to ensure that the Capital Budget process is clear.

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ATTACHMENT #1

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:
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- DIRECTOR RECREATION
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(FOR REPORT)

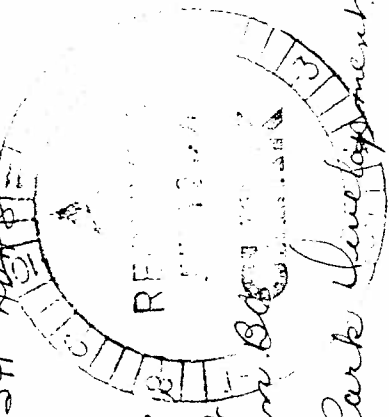
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Al Pushton

#234 H371 Mayberry
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V541- H371

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Mayor Bill Copeland,
Alderman Jim Young
Parks & Recreation Dept
Burns Mun. Hall, Burns, OR



Re: Pine Park Development

Heard:-

Playground equipment is needed
sooner than 1995 - for Pine Park.

I believe. As a member of Andreas
Place Co-op. there are many times I,
& the children, seniors & handicapped -
blind - would use this park.

Central Park is beautiful to walk
like, etc. but I do not feel safe
being alone walking & it is not
always possible to have a companion

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS
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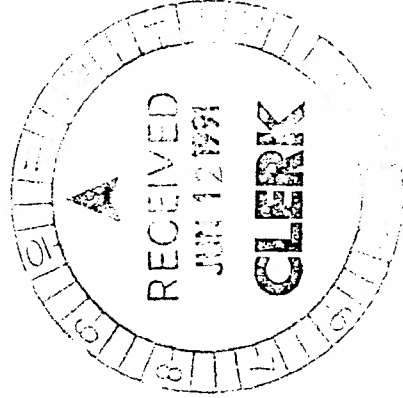
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if difficult for me - it is harder for the handicapped & it would be nice to have a safe - close-by - place for the children of Anaras Place & other apartments.

We have recently put lights around our building due to many break-ins & to insure more safety.

Please reconsider your time schedule re Kinross Park development. It would be deeply appreciated.

Act Quaston (senior)
438-2532.



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May 30, 1991

Anne Williams, Dave Bedford
327 - 6198 Kathleen Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 2S7

Mayor Bill Copeland
Municipality of Burnaby
Burnaby Municipal Hall
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Copeland:

For over 4 years we have lived in this neighbourhood and waited patiently until a children's playground was to be built in the adjacent Kinnee Park (Willingdon between Beresford and Mayberry); the date we were given was to be 1991.

1991 is now here and we have NOW been informed that children's playground equipment is not slated until 1995. This is totally unacceptable. Access to a children's playground area is very important to the comfort and safety needs of children in this neighbourhood, ours included. An empty grass field is NOT a playground unless there is playground equipment. There are 94 families in our co-op and there is no other area that the children can get to safely.

Our family has been anticipating the playground equipment for several years already; please ensure that it is installed this year as promised.

Sincerely,

Anne Williams Dave Bedford
The Williams Bedford family
George Williams + Melissa (aged 2 yrs.)

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This is the written follow up to the earlier comms.

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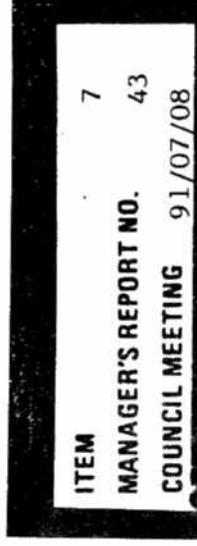
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Mrs. Becky Sorley
#109-4371 Mayberry Street
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4H8
435-0625

June 10, 1991

Parks & Recreation Dept.
Municipality of Burnaby
Burnaby Municipal Hall
4949 Canoga Way
Burnaby, B.C.
V5G 1M2

Dear Sirs:

I recently learned of the postponement to the playground development of Kinee Park. When we moved to the Andras Place Co-op one year ago we were very pleased to hear that the Municipality intended to place a playground in the park within the year. I have a two year old son who is very healthy and active and since moving here we have looked forward to the play equipment being installed. We need such a play area **NOW**, not in 1995 as we understand that it has been rescheduled for.

My concern is not only for myself but also for my neighbours and their children. There are approximately 50 children in this complex alone that could immediately benefit from a playground. If your decision as to where an immediate need for a playground is needed is based on population density, then a playground in Kinee park is well overdue.

Last week we observed some workers from the Municipality plant some shrubs outside the fence of Kinee park that borders Willingdon. While this will add to the scenery we would have much rather seen the manhours, the cost of labour, and the cost of the shrubs go towards the cost of some play equipment within the park.

I cannot stress enough the need for the playground to be developed **NOW** as it was originally intended and not to put it off **ANY LONGER**. Please find enclosed a photo of my son Jordan who loves slides and tunnels. Thank you for your immediate attention and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Becky Sorley

cc: Mayor Copeland



