

TO: CITY MANAGER
1992 October 26

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
File: L18-3

SUBJECT: HARRY JEROME SPORTS CENTRE

PURPOSE: To provide Council with an update on the construction progress of the Velodrome.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council refer the request for a grant in aid of the construction of the Harry Jerome Sports Centre to the Grants Committee for their consideration; and
2. THAT, if a grant is approved, funds be contingent upon the receipt of a building permit and an update on the project's financial status from the project architect, CTA Design Group.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1992 September 28, Council received a delegation from Mr. Ken Legge representing the Harry Jerome Sports Centre (Velodrome). Mr. Legge requested a grant in the amount of \$41,000 to help secure the delivery of the roof structure.

At that time Council enquired about the outstanding liabilities related to the construction, the amount of money required to complete the facility and a municipal staff update on the status of the project.

As an update of the project status, the Chief Building Inspector reports that:

"A Foundation Permit was issued on 1991 July 24, permitting construction of the concrete footings and foundations walls for the new Harry Jerome Sport Centre, located at 7564 Barnet Road. The permit was issued on the condition that two more exits would be provided in addition to those shown on the drawings. It was further required that the Owner submit an 'Equivalency Report' dealing with the fire safety aspects of the proposed fabric roof structure, for the Building Department's approval prior to a final Building Permit being issued. Both of these conditions are directly related to the requirements of the 1985 B.C. Building Code.

Construction commenced on the project and all work permitted within the scope of the Foundation Permit issued has been carried out." (While the final Building Permits have been applied for, due to the unresolved issues, they have not been issued.) "Therefore no further construction work can proceed on site until a final Building Permit is issued.

Equivalency reports have been submitted with respect to the fabric roof as well as problems which still persist with exiting from the building. Numerous meetings were held with the Owner's consultants and our Equivalency Review Committee to analyze the reports submitted and to determine an acceptable approach to provide equivalent measures of safety for the roof structure proposed and alternate exiting provisions. An approach to resolving most of the concerns raised to date by the Equivalency Review Committee has been established and only requires the final completed report from the Owner's consultant. Further, the Owner must finalize an application to amend the Preliminary Plan Approval, (PPA), to reflect the numerous changes made to the project design since the original PPA was received, and submit completed drawings as required for the Building Permit.

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The above outstanding items were discussed at a meeting with Mr. Legge on March 04, and summarized in a letter to his designer on 1992 May 20. They were again outlined in a letter delivered to Mr. Ken Legge on 1992 October 14, and discussed briefly with him on the telephone shortly thereafter. Until the above issues are finalized, a Building Permit to complete the project cannot be issued.

In order to ensure that the requirements of the Code and Burnaby's bylaws are satisfied, and that the roof structure is not erected prior to obtaining a Building Permit, Council could specify that any further municipal grant, if made, be subject to the receipt of a Building Permit to complete the project."

To satisfy the need for information related to Council's enquiries concerning the outstanding liabilities for construction and the estimates of the costs to complete the facility, Council may also wish to specify that any further municipal grant, if made, be contingent upon the receipt of an update by the project architect (CTA Design Group) of their original project cost estimates, the funds spent to date and amounts currently owing to suppliers.

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