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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	44
COUNCIL MEETING	93/07/12

TO: CITY MANAGER DATE: 1993 07 07

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING FILE: 55 01 02

SUBJECT: SOAP BOX DERBY: CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROBERT C. BROOKE

PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence to Council regarding a lack of prior consultation with respect to the 1996 June 26 Soap Box Derby at Deer Lake Park

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to:
 - a) Robert C. Brooke
6690 Deer Lake Drive
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 2L8
 - b) Peter D. Keefe
7661 Clayton Court
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 3M7

REPORT

On Council's agenda is correspondence from Mr. Robert C. Brooke of 6690 Deer Lake Drive regarding a lack of prior consultation relative to the 1993 June 26 Soap Box Derby run on Sperling Avenue at Deer Lake Park. Council approved this event - the Deer Lake Gravity Grand Prix - at its 1993 May 03 meeting. In the staff report recommending approval, it was noted that local access was to be maintained throughout and that local area residents were being canvassed by the organizers to apprise them of the event. The organizers' draft letter to area residents was annexed to the Council report.

We have since been in touch with Mr. Peter D. Keefe, the event's coordinator who has assured us that letters were distributed to affected residents. He is most concerned that the communication with Mr. Brooke was incomplete and has indicated that he would be personally contacting him to apologize for any oversight.

We appreciate the concern regarding emergency access but it would appear that this was not adversely impacted by the event. We note that the RCMP were on site during parts of the event. Apart from the breakdown in prior consultation, we understand that Soap Box Derby was a resounding success. The event organizer and enthusiastic participants have indicated a desire to make this an annual community event.


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