

ITEM	9
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	65
COUNCIL MEETING	94/11/21

1994 NOVEMBER 17

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: VANCOUVER 86ERS' USE OF SWANGARD STADIUM IN 1995

PURPOSE: To request Council to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$165,000 from Capital Reserves for design fees for the Swangard Stadium Refurbishing project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a bylaw be brought down to appropriate \$165,000 from Capital Reserves for the design fees for the Swangard Stadium Refurbishing project as outlined in this report.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1994 November 16, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the request of the Vancouver 86ers that the refurbishing of Swangard Stadium be organized in such a way as to allow the 86ers the use of Swangard field in all or part of 1995.

The Commission considered the following points.

Fast Tracking of Design Work:

The field will be available for maximum use if the design work is fast tracked within the next ten weeks. A timeline has been put in place for the hiring of the design consultant that would meet this objective. It requires Council's concurrence through the appropriation by bylaw of the capital funds designated for this purpose.

Federal/Provincial Grants:

A further complication is that the project will only proceed if the City is successful in obtaining \$1.2 million worth of infrastructure grants requested from the Federal/Provincial Governments. We have expectations of a positive decision on or about November 30th.

Council is requested to put a money bylaw in place for the design fees to indicate the City's willingness to fast track the process. However, it is recommended that the final reading of the bylaw not be given until a positive response has been received from the Federal/Provincial Governments.

ITEM	9
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	65
COUNCIL MEETING	94/11/21

Funding:

The current Five Year Plan (1994-1998) includes \$1,825,000 for Swangard Stadium (\$1,300,000 - 1995; and \$525,000 - 1996). The new Five Year Plan currently being reviewed (1995-1999) includes \$2,229,100 for Swangard (\$1,729,100 - 1995; and \$500,000 - 1996). The design fees are estimated in the amount of \$165,000. Council is requested to commence the process to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$165,000 from Capital Reserves for such design fees. The majority of these funds would not be spent until 1995.

The final reading for the bylaw would not be given until the senior government grant decision.

Timing:

The objective is that the senior government announcement, the Council money bylaw and the consultant selection process would all conclude on or about November 30th allowing a recommendation to be made to City Council on the 12th of December for the appointment of the consultants who would immediately commence work thus continuing the fast track timeline.

Part of the terms of reference for the successful consultant would be that they could deliver the completed field as early in 1995 as possible preferably by the 1st of June.

The Commission requests Council's concurrence in this process including the money bylaw for design fees.



DENNIS GAUNT
 Director Recreation and
 Cultural Services

DG:hh
 A/2367

cc: Director Finance