TO

CITY MANAGER

DATE: 1994 AUGUST 04

FROM

DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

RE

WARNING SIGNS RE COYOTES IN BURNABY MOUNTAIN PARK

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the warning signs regarding coyotes in

Burnaby Mountain Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Council at its meeting of 1994 July 11 asked staff to provide a report on placing warning signs on trails on Burnaby Mountain which warn of the dangers of allowing dogs to walk without being on a leash and the dangerous presence of coyotes in the area.

There are three locations where this issue could be of concern: Burnaby Mountain Park, Deer Lake park, and Central Park. Two measures are proposed: first, warning signs, and secondly, a combination of educational/warning notice.

Warning Signs

A warning sign stating "Coyotes can be a danger to small dogs" in conjunction with our regular "Dogs must be on a leash" sign will be posted at Burnaby Mountain Park on the main roadway access, at Deer Lake Park at the three main access points from Royal Oak, the Arts Centre and Oakland and at main trail access points in Central Park.

Combination of Educational/Warning Notice

In addition at the information Kiosk adjacent to the parking lot on Burnaby Mountain Park, an educational notice will be installed, a copy of which is attached.

At its meeting of 1994 August 03, the Parks and Recreation Commission by motion approved the measures described above and now recommends to Council to receive this report for information.

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DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

COYOTES ON BURNABY MOUNTAIN

A NOTICE TO PET OWNERS

COYOTES ARE SHY ANIMALS AND PREFER TO FLEE RATHER THAN ATTACK. HOWEVER, COYOTES DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN SMALL DOMESTIC PETS AND WILD ANIMALS. FOR THIS REASON (BYLAW NO. 7331 REQUIRES THAT DOGS BE ON A LEASH) PET OWNERS SHOULD KEEP THEM ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.

COYOTES ARE A PART OF THE NATURAL ECOSYSTEM OF THIS PARK. EXERCISING CONTROL OVER PETS IS AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION AGAINST COYOTE DAMAGE A ENSURES THAT THE PARK AND ITS WILDLIFICAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL.

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