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MANAGER'S REPORT #	20
COUNCIL MEETING	95/04/24

TO : CITY MANAGER  
DATE: 1995 APRIL 20

FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

RE : CANADIAN PARKS/RECREATION ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE : To request Council to approve the Director Recreation and Cultural Services to attend the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association 1995 National Conference in Ottawa, Ontario.

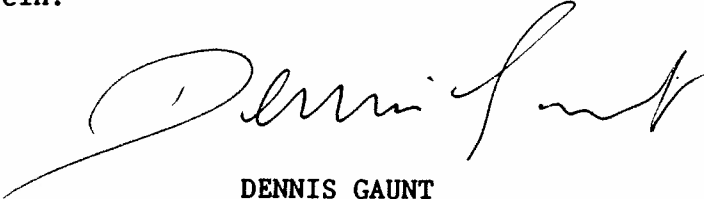
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT approval be given for the Director Recreation and Cultural Services to attend the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association 1995 National Conference in Ottawa, Ontario.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 1995 April 19, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



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DIRECTOR RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

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ITEM 13  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT NO. 7  
COMMISSION MEETING 95/04/19

**SUBJECT: CANADIAN PARKS/RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT approval be given for the Director Recreation and Cultural Services to attend the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association 1995 National Conference in Ottawa, Ontario.
2. THAT Council be requested to concur.

**REPORT**

The Canadian Parks/Recreation Association is a National Organization, representative of Parks and Recreation systems at all levels, but in particular, Municipal.

The Commission and senior staff are members of this national association and over the years have participated from time to time in the Association's activities and conferences.

The 1995 program deals with a number of current Parks and Recreation issues relevant to our concerns in Burnaby. There are seven educational streams running through the conference, namely, leadership and change, facility planning, environment and open spaces, partnerships and strategic alliances, arts and culture/multiculturalism, health and recreation and finally a stream specifically for Councillors and Commissioners.

The main thread connecting most of these streams is that of the economic squeeze and reducing costs. All municipalities are faced with diminishing resources and greater citizen expectations. Focusing on these aspects, seminars will explore ways of responding to the need to manage change which these constraints imply whilst continuing to strive for customer satisfaction. Examples of the seminars include:

- Managing Change and Diversity.
- Facility Performance - Lifecycle Maintenance.
- Canadian Trends in Park Spaces Planning.
- Bringing the Youth on Board.
- Alternatives for Children at Risk.
- Tools for Engaging the Multicultural Sector.
- Creative Partnerships, Cities and Artists.
- Active Living.

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It is noted that in response to the fact that this is a 50th anniversary for the Association, a number of International groups are organizing an International Educational Institute on problems facing public bodies in the delivery of parks and recreation services. This will run for one and a half days before the Canadian conference. The precise agenda has not yet been published. When it is, a decision would be taken at that time as to whether or not it has enough merit to justify attendance for the extra time.

Approval is requested for the Director Recreation and Cultural Services to attend the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association Conference, August 12th to August 16th. Funds have been provided in the 1995 Annual Budget.

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