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MANAGER'S REPORT #	16
COUNCIL MEETING	95/04/03

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
SUBJECT: DOGS OFF-LEASH IN CITY PARKS
PURPOSE: To provide information to Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

Council, on 1995 March 20, requested information on the dog leash requirements and signage in City parks. This report provides the information.

The Animal Control Bylaw requires dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash when in public. Dog owners and the public in general are made aware of this regulation through verbal notification, articles in *Information Burnaby*, advertisements in the local papers and in the annual licence renewal letters sent to all dog owners who have a licenced dog in the City.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) is contracted annually to operate the Burnaby Animal Shelter and enforce the provisions of the Animal Control Bylaw. The enforcement of the leashed dog requirements takes place in the routine patrols of the Animal Shelter Inspectors and the seasonal work of a designated Park and Beach Patrol Inspector. For 1995 the park and beach patrols are added from May 04 to September 05. Patrols are conducted over a five day period which covers weekends and alternates from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. one week to 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the next. Enforcement actions take the form of a warning and education, issuance of tickets or animal impoundment, depending on the situation. The park and beach patrol program is funded and scheduled in coordination with the Parks Department.

The Parks Department advises that they post signs reminding dog owners of the need to leash their animals while in public. These signs are posted at all playgrounds and nature parks (Deer Lake, Burnaby Lake, Fraser Foreshore and beaches). General parks are supplied with the signs on an as needed basis to address problem areas.


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cc: Director Parks & Recreation