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MANAGER'S REPORT #	18
COUNCIL MEETING	96/06/24

TO : CITY MANAGER

DATE: 1996 JUNE 20

FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT : MODEL GLIDER FIELDS AT DEER LAKE PARK**

PURPOSE : To respond to correspondence from Mr. John Ryan and Ms. Carol Stubson-Ryan who expressed concerns about the implied exclusive use of the fields at Deer Lake Park by a private club.

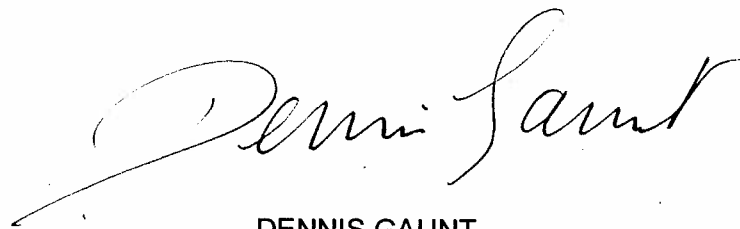
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 1996 June 19 the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.



DENNIS GAUNT  
DIRECTOR RECREATION  
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. John Ryan and Ms. Carol Stubson-Ryan.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to City Council.

**REPORT**

Appearing under correspondence on this agenda is a letter from Mr. John Ryan and Ms. Carol Stubson-Ryan which outlines their concerns regarding the implied exclusive use of the fields at Deer Lake Park by a private club. This letter also appeared on the City Council agenda of 1996 May 27 with a note stating that the Commission would subsequently deal with the issue at a regularly scheduled meeting.

On 1985 May 15 the Commission approved a request from the Kestrel Radio Controlled Glider Club, now known as the Oakalla Hawks, for use of the fields at Deer Lake Park for model gliders. This request was due to a lack of available flying time on evenings and weekends and a conflict with sports groups on the fields at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. There are no other alternatives to accommodate this use. The Oakalla Hawks received allotments for the use of Deer Lake Park and agreed to care for the fields in exchange for the privilege of use. Currently no fees are levied for such allotted uses however all users must have the appropriate liability insurance coverage.

The general public has access to Deer Lake Park model glider fields by obtaining an allotment from the Allotment Clerk. Parks and Recreation staff encourage model glider allotment applicants to join the Oakalla Hawks to benefit from the Clubs' Model Aeronautic Association of Canada (MAAC) insurance and the model glider safety and education programs. The sign at Deer Lake Park is used to create public awareness and increases membership. Revenue generated from the club memberships is used by the club to offset it's maintenance costs for the model glider fields at Deer Lake Park.

The allotments for the fields at Deer Lake Park are not intended for exclusive use. Therefore, the sign at Deer Lake Park will be changed to read:

**DEER LAKE PARK MODEL GLIDER FIELDS**

The fields are operated and maintained by members of the Oakalla Hawks Glider Club in cooperation with the Burnaby Parks & Recreation Department Model flying is restricted to radio controlled gliders and electrical powered gliders.

Pilots must:

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- 1) Be a current member of the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada(MAAC)
- 2) Hold a current allotment from the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Department for allotment information phone #294-7459.
- 3) Comply at all times with the Oakalla Hawks safety code and MAAC's safety code as related to radio controlled sail planes.  
The Burnaby Parks & Recreation Department recommends that pilots be a current member of the Oakalla Hawks Glider Club for information phone #298-8727 or #929-1642

Vehicle access to Deer Lake Park via the Royal Oak barrier has been permitted to allotment holders to facilitate the transportation of model gliders and heavy maintenance and radio equipment to the Deer Lake Park glider fields. A small parking area is available for users of the field. A portable washroom was installed at the Deer Lake Park glider fields, as the proximity of the nearest public washrooms was a 15-20 minute walk. This portable washroom is provided by Burnaby Parks & Recreation at no cost to the Oakalla Hawks Glider Club. This washroom is open for use by the club members and the general public that use the trails at Deer Lake Park and is serviced regularly.

The contents of this report has been discussed with Erwin Ledat of the Oakalla Hawks Glider Club and he concurs with the recommendations outlined.

In conclusion the use of the model glider field in Deer Lake Park is available to the public who wish to take part in this activity. The partnership with the Oakalla Hawks ensures that the facility is properly cared for. This partnership is similar to the association with the Burnaby Archers Club for use and maintenance of the Archery Range at Burnaby Lake.

