

BURNABY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: LIMITED CYCLING IN DEER LAKE PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council refer the attached report to the Parks and Recreation Commission for its consideration.

REPORT

The Burnaby Bicycle Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on 1998 November 26, received and adopted the attached report responding to a request that cycling be considered along existing service roads within Deer Lake Park wherever there are not overriding environmental concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow
Chair

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TO: BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1998 11 20

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **LIMITED CYCLING IN DEER LAKE PARK**

PURPOSE: To respond to a request that cycling be considered along existing service roads within Deer Lake Park wherever there are not overriding environmental concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be forwarded to Council with a request to refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission for its consideration.

REPORT

Under New Business in the 1998 September 24 Burnaby Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting, staff were directed to prepare a report to Parks and Recreation Commission advising that the Burnaby Bicycle Advisory Committee support the recommendation of the Commission regarding Recreational Cycling in Parks. Further to this, the Committee requests the Parks Commission to consider recreational cycling along the existing service roads within Deer Lake Park in the area between the western end of Park and Royal Oak excluding the Lakeshore trail, wherever there are not overriding environmental concerns, and specifically, between the parking lot located on the east side of Royal Oak south of Deer Lake Parkway and the area immediately east of the Oaklands subdivision (see attached Figure 1).

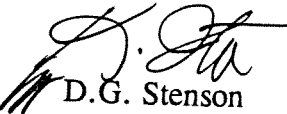
Cycling issues are currently being addressed in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan process and in the management plan for Deer Lake Park. The proposed draft Deer Lake Park Management Plan, if adopted, would not permit cycling within the parks as active recreation is not considered to be compatible with the environmental sensitivity of lakeside habitat, meadows, and interpretive qualities of the park.

However, other forms of active recreation are permitted within the park. Examples include powerwalking, jogging, running, and although not an active recreation, the relationship between permitted power model plane activities and environmental sensitivities can be questioned. With this in mind, it can be argued that recreational cycling should also be permitted.

A cyclist desire-line naturally exists between the intersection of Royal Oak Avenue and the Deer Lake Urban Trail and the general area east of the Oaklands subdivision with connections to official Cycle Roads on Oakland Street and Gilley Avenue (see attached Figure 1). Formally recognizing this diagonal route utilizing existing service roads would serve several purposes: it would provide a legal means of using the natural desire-line; provide an alternative route to the top of the Kingsway Ridge with significantly less grades than that offered by the Royal Oak Urban Trail (17%); and offer a safe and invigorating recreational cycling environment for families.

The 1996 Community Needs and Preferences Study indicates a need for the City to respond to an increasing demand of recreational cyclists. Allowing limited cycling with Deer Lake Park would be a successful means of responding to the demands of the recreational cyclist.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee generally supports the recommendation of the Commission regarding recreational cycling in parks and requests that the Parks and Recreation Commission review cycling policies in the draft Deer Lake Management Plan so as to include consideration of recreational cycling on existing gravel service roads where there are no overriding environmental concerns.

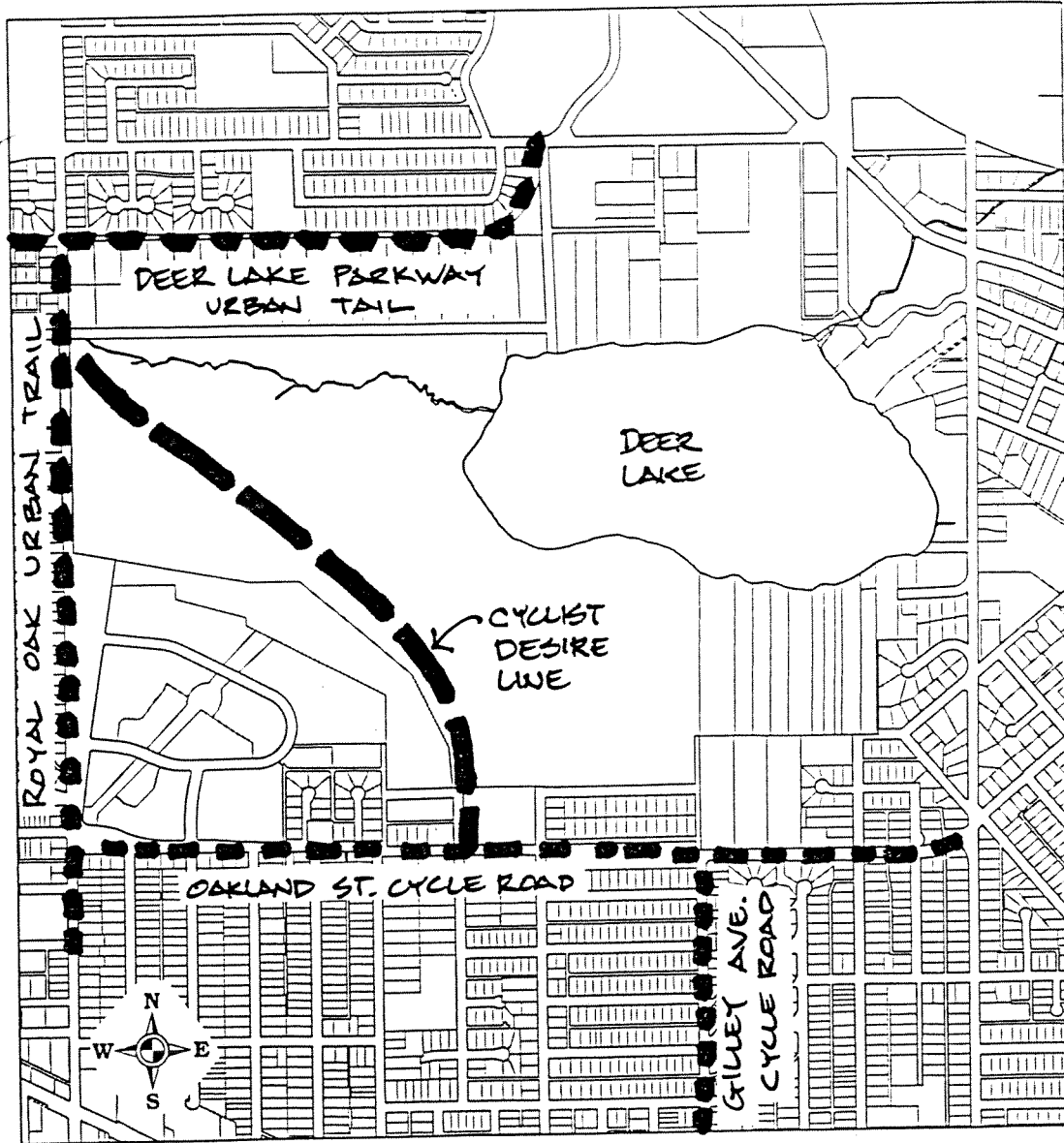


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1998 NOV. 26.

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DEER LAKE PARK

CYCLIST DESIRE LINE

FIGURE - 1