

TO : CITY MANAGER DATE: 1998 JUNE 04

FROM : ACTING DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : **PLAYGROUND FUNDING REQUEST**
- **CASCADE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PURPOSE : To request Council to bring forward a bylaw to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School Board for contributions to the cost of playground development.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a bylaw under section 611 of the Municipal Act be brought forward to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School Board for contributions to the cost of playground development as detailed in this report.

REPORT

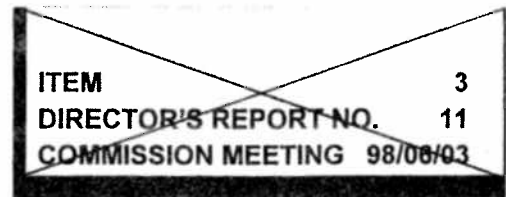
At its meeting of 1998 June 03, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.

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ACTING DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc: City Solicitor
Director Finance



SUBJECT: PLAYGROUND FUNDING REQUEST -
CASCADE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$3,000 from the 1998 Capital Program be approved to assist the Cascade Heights Parents Committee in completing their field restoration programs.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Ms. Janet Brown.
3. THAT Council be requested to bring forward a bylaw under section 611 of the Municipal Act to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School Board for contributions to the cost of playground development as detailed in this report.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1997 September 03, the Commission received a letter from the Cascade Heights Parent Advisory Committee requesting financial support concerning the restoration of a play space at this site (Attachment #1). At the same meeting, the Commission received a report on the contents of the letter (Attachment #2) and adopted the following recommendation:

"That \$3,000 in 1998 be tentatively provided to the Parent Advisory Committee at Cascade Heights Elementary School for the development of a play space subject to appropriate funds being in place."

The Parent Advisory Committee has since raised sufficient funds to complete the project and are ready to proceed as scheduling allows. The total funds raised also includes the \$3,000 contribution from the Commission. Additionally, the School Board has committed to completing the project this summer.

It is recommended that the expenditure of \$3,000 from the 1998 Capital Program be approved to assist the Cascade Heights Parents Committee in completing their field restoration programs.

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Attachments (2)

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ATTACHMENT #1

Cascade Heights Elementary School
4343 Smith Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2V
(604) 664-8645 Fax (604) 664-8830

June 20, 1997

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to you on behalf of Cascade Heights Elementary School which is located at 4343 Smith Avenue in Burnaby. In 1991, our Parent Advisory Council began a project aimed at upgrading the play structures and developing the grounds on the lower field. To date, with student, staff, parent and community support we have raised approximately \$45,000.00 for our playground. This has allowed us to have two Big Toy play structures, benches that have been put around the grounds, some landscaping, trees and a garden on the grounds.

The lower playground though has a major drainage problem which renders this field useless for much of the year. The Burnaby School Board is very supportive of our efforts, but due to major cutbacks in the education budget they cannot finance it and we must raise the money ourselves. The School Board will do the labour involved and plans are drawn up as to what will be done to the field. This project requires us to raise approximately \$40,000 and our hope is that sponsors will be able to help us with any amount of a donation. This money would be held in trust until the job is done. Our goal is summer of 1998 for the project to be completed.

The Burnaby School Board has now allowed us to seek corporate sponsorship for help. We believe that there are environmental, social and educational benefits to be gained by developing the school grounds and this will serve the local community as well as all the students, staff and parents of Cascades. We would like to have an opportunity to discuss our project further with you.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to talking with you very soon. I can be contacted through the school at 664-8645 or my home number is 435-3202.

Yours truly

Janet Brown
Janet Brown
Chairperson
Parent Advisory Council

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REPORT

Attached is a letter from Ms. Janet Brown, Chairperson of the Cascade Heights Parent Advisory Council. In her correspondence, Ms. Brown is requesting financial support in order to assist with the restoration of a play space/field at the school. In particular dollars are required to assist with a drainage problem which prevents this area from being used on a regular basis throughout the year.

It is estimated the required work will be approximately \$40,000. At present, the Parent Advisory Committee is in the process of trying to raise sufficient funds to initiate and complete the project. Letters to businesses asking for support and sponsorship were sent out in 1997 June.

In 1991 January, the Commission approved guidelines with respect to playground projects that would receive financial support up to \$3,000 per individual request. While the identified criteria for approval relates primarily to the purchase and construction of playground equipment (i.e. climbing apparatus; play structures), the restoration and development of this play space would be beneficial for both the school and users outside of school time. It is anticipated the renovated "all weather" field could be used for "mini" types of games (i.e. T Ball; Mini Soccer) or as a general play space. It would connect quite well with the playground facilities already in place.

Cascade Heights previously received a playground grant for \$3,000 in 1992. These funds went towards the purchase and installation of play facilities which are currently well utilized. It is felt that further support of a playground related project at this site would be beneficial.

Subject to funding being available within the 1998 Capital Program, and subject to appropriate dollars being in place through the Parent Advisory Council, it is recommended that support be provided for this project. If sufficient fund raising has not been achieved in time for construction in 1998, then funding available through the Commission would not be considered until 1999.

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