

Item	18
Manager's Report No.	15
Council Meeting	98/05/25

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 1998 MAY 21

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: VANCOUVER 86ERS HELIJET LANDING FOR PRE-GAME CEREMONY

PURPOSE: To request Council to approve a Helijet landing on 1998 May 29 and a Search and Rescue Team roof repel on 1998 June 07 for Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club pre-game ceremonies at Swangard Stadium.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be given to a Helijet landing on 1998 May 29 and a Search and Rescue Team roof repel on 1998 June 07 for Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club pre-game ceremonies at Swangard Stadium.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1998 May 20, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.



KATE FRIARS
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc: Burnaby R.C.M.P.
Fire Chief
Risk Manager

SUBJECT: VANCOUVER 86ERS HELIJET LANDING FOR PRE-GAME CEREMONY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the request for a Helijet landing on 1998 May 29 and a Search and Rescue Team roof repel on 1998 June 07 for Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club pre-game ceremonies at Swangard Stadium be approved as outlined in the report
2. THAT Council be requested to concur.
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Scott Ackles, Games Day Operation Manager for the Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club.

REPORT

Attached are two letters (Attachment #1 and Attachment #2) from Mr. Scott Ackles of the Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club requesting approval for a Helijet landing and a roof top repel at Swangard Stadium for their soccer pre-game ceremonies.

To generate fan excitement, the Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club promotional department have initiated unique ways for bringing their mascot into Swangard Stadium for pre-game ceremonies. The Helijet landing and roof top repel will be part of this promotion.

HELIJET LANDING

On 1998 May 29, the Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club have requested a Helijet landing at Swangard Stadium. The Helijet would fly into center field of Swangard Stadium at approximately 7:30 p.m. and would touch down for one minute and then depart. The landing would only be long enough to have their mascot depart the Helijet and join the pre-game ceremony. It has been determined that the landing will not cause any turf damage.

In 1986, a Swangard Stadium helicopter landing was approved for the arrival of Prince Charles and Princess Diana to open the Variety Park.

The organizers will be required to meet all the following conditions:

1. Obtain permission from the Department of Transportation.

2. Provide proof of liability insurance coverage in the amount of five million dollars, with the City of Burnaby named as an additional named insured for this specific event, and that there be a cross liability clause and also a statement that the policy cannot be cancelled without the City of Burnaby receiving 30 days written notice.
3. Proper security is provided to ensure public safety.

ROOF TOP REPEL

On 1998 June 07, the Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club have requested use of qualified Search and Rescue personnel to repel off the stadium roof. At approximately 5:00 p.m. the 86ers mascot will lower himself down from the roof to field level and will then join in with the pre-game ceremony.

Repelling off the stadium roof has been approved before, most recently, the Burnaby Fire Department Search and Rescue team performed this task during the opening ceremonies of the 1997 B.C. Summer Games.

The Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club are pursuing the Burnaby Fire Department Search and Rescue team for their event because of their skill and previous experience at Swangard Stadium.

The organizers will be required to meet the following insurance condition:

1. Provide proof of liability insurance coverage in the amount of five million dollars, with the City of Burnaby named as an additional named insured for this specific event, and that there be a cross liability clause and also a statement that the policy cannot be cancelled without the City of Burnaby receiving 30 days written notice.

CONCLUSION

The intention of their promotional efforts is to generate fan interest and provide an entertaining event for the entire family. Their promotional efforts will play a large part in the success and survival of the Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club.

It is recommended that the request for a Helijet landing on 29 May 1998 and a Search and Rescue Team roof repel on 07 June 1998 for Vancouver 86ers Soccer Club pre-game ceremonies at Swangard Stadium be approved as outlined in the report.

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Attachments (2)

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cc: Burnaby R.C.M.P.
Fire Chief
Risk Manager



ATTACHMENT #1

VANCOUVER EIGHTY-SIXERS SOCCER CLUB, 10605 - 135TH STREET, SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, V3T 4C8
PHONE: (604) 930-2255 FAX: (604) 583-7882 TICKETS: 589-ROAR

Via Facsimile: 294-7201

May 11, 1998

Mr. Gord Pederson
Supervisor, Sports & Outdoor Recreation
Burnaby Parks & Recreation
Canada Way
Burnaby, BC

RE: Vancouver 86ers May 29th Home Game

Dear Gord:

As per my conversation with Dave Fletcher, the Vancouver 86ers requests permission to land a helijet at centre field prior to our May 29 home game kick off.

The purpose of this promotion is to have our mascot arrive in a spectacular manner. The helijet will only touch down for a very brief period of time. Approximate time should be no longer than one minute. Helijet will obtain all required Department of Transportation paperwork and any other permits needed.

Please contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Scott Ackles
Manager, Game Day Operations



ATTACHMENT #2

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May 11, 1998

Mr. Gord Pederson
Supervisor, Sports & Outdoor Recreation
Burnaby Parks & Recreation
#101-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC

RE: Vancouver 86ers June 7th Game

Dear Gord:

As per my conversation with Dave Fletcher, The Vancouver 86ers request permission to have a qualified Search & Rescue Team repel from the roof of Swangard Stadium.

The purpose of this pre-game event on June 7, 1998 is for our mascot to arrive in an unusual manner.

Please contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Scott Ackles
Manager, Game Day Operations

