

TO: CITY MANAGER

1999 November 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN L. JACURA - CLOSURE OF
PRACTICE AREA AT BURNABY MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE

PURPOSE: To provide Council with an update regarding the closure of a practice area
at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1999 November 03, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the
above noted report and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



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PARKS, RECREATION
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cc: Director Finance

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE JOHN L. JACURA - CLOSURE OF PRACTICE AREA AT BURNABY MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Council for information.

REPORT

Appearing under correspondence is a letter from Mr. John Jacura referred to the Commission from Council. Mr. Jacura has expressed his concern over an area of Burnaby Mountain Golf Course being converted to a putting green course.

The area of concern is a 1.5 acre field west of the 18th fairway. The field is an undeveloped open area as it does not have the appropriate sub surface drainage, irrigation system or appropriate safe access. This area has historically been used without authorization by a few individuals to chip balls. There are two developed practice areas for both chipping and putting at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course for which there is no fee. To use the driving range, participants must purchase tokens for driving range balls.

The Golf Division staff have explored several ideas to maximize the use of the open area, none of which have been finalized. Two concepts for the area are:

- a. A four station teaching area for junior and beginner golfers; or
- b. An 18 hole natural grass putting course.

Both concepts have been reviewed with the Golf Advisory Committee and the Burnaby Mountain Seniors Executive. The feedback received to date is that both groups feel these are excellent ideas, but prefer the putting course option.

Staff will continue to dialog with the user groups and a plan will be finalized early in the new year. Staff will communicate with Mr. Jacura in order to explain the options for the area.

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