

TO : CITY MANAGER 1999 November 04

FROM : DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT : PLAYGROUND FUNDING REQUEST - ECOLE SPERLING  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PURPOSE : To request Council's authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School Board for contribution to the cost of playground development at Ecole Sperling Elementary School.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT authorization be given to the City to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School Board, under Section 611 of the Municipal Act, for contribution to the cost of playground development as detailed in the attached report.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 1999 November 03, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff reports on the above subject and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.



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PARKS, RECREATION  
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc: Director Finance  
Acting City Solicitor

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$3,000 from the 1999 Capital Budget be approved to contribute to the purchase of playground equipment for Ecole Sperling Elementary School.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Ms. Mae Jang and Ms. Torie Spelling, Co-Chairs of the Special Events Committee.
3. THAT Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School Board, under Section 611 of the Municipal Act, for contribution to the cost of playground development as detailed in this report.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1999 May 05, the Parks and Recreation Commission received correspondence from Ecole Sperling School requesting a \$3,000 contribution towards their new playground (Attachment #1). At the same meeting, the Commission received a report addressing the request (attached to correspondence) and adopted the following recommendation:

“THAT \$3,000 be approved in principle to contribute to the purchase of playground equipment for Ecole Sperling Elementary School”.

Appearing under correspondence on this agenda is a letter from Ms. Mae Jang of the Special Events Committee from Ecole Sperling School, notifying the Commission that all their funds and approvals are in place.

It is recommended that the expenditure of \$3,000 from the Capital Budget be approved to enable Ecole Sperling School to complete their project.

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# École Sperling Elementary School

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April 26, 1999

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~~COMMISSION AGENDA  
DATE: 99/05/05  
CORRESPONDENCE: (e)~~

Dear Mr. Kowaguchi:

**Re: Application for Playground Grant**

**ATTACHMENT #1**

Please accept this letter as an application for a grant to assist in the installation of an integrated playground at Ecole Sperling Elementary School. This proposal, submitted two weeks ago, is awaiting approval (4 wks away) by the Burnaby School Board for installation in the fall of 1999. Our present playground is used extensively by our students and by the children in the neighbourhood. It is very old and small, and due to safety concerns, it does not allow many children to play on it at any one time. Our plans were to upgrade the playground equipment, however, we have been advised that due to the age of the structure, any upgrading and/or expansion will not meet CSA approval. Therefore, we must have the playground torn down and removed prior to any construction.

This parent driven project has consumed many volunteer hours to raise money towards the enhancement of the playground facilities for the school and ultimately, the surrounding neighbourhood. Although we have been actively fundraising for the past 3 years, we had accepted the unfortunate fact that we may not be able to achieve our goal of installing a playground in the fall of 1999.

However, the approval of our "casino" application has added substantially to our balance, so we are currently obtaining quotes and designs from school board approved playground suppliers. We currently have \$20,000 but still require an additional \$5,000 to complete the playground. We are advised that in order to accommodate wheelchair accessibility we will require an additional \$12,000, which will be earmarked as a Phase 2 project. We will also be seeking assistance from community clubs and sponsorship from corporate companies. Any funds that we receive will be used to enhance the playground accordingly.

We, as parents, are very excited about this endeavour and look forward to your favourable consideration and any guidance as to how this grant should be allocated will be very much appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mae Jang (654-3410) or  
Torie Spelling (444-4042)  
Co-Chairs, Special Events

c.c. Dorothy Joyce  
Principal

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