

TO: CITY MANAGER 1999 November 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO FUND THE GYMNASIUM UPGRADE FOR BURNABY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

PURPOSE: To request that a bylaw be brought down to appropriate \$218,000 from the Capital Budget to finance the gymnasium upgrade for Burnaby Mountain High School.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a bylaw be brought down to appropriate \$218,000 from the Capital Budget to finance the gymnasium upgrade for Burnaby Mountain High School.

REPORT

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



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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO FUND THE GYMNASIUM UPGRADE FOR BURNABY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$218,000 for the upgrade to the gymnasium at Burnaby Mountain High School be approved.
2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a by-law to appropriate \$218,000 to finance the project.

REPORT

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of 1998 June 03, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the recommendation to contribute \$218,000 from the 1999 Capital Budget to the Burnaby Board of School Trustees to upgrade the gym space of the new Burnaby Mountain High School.

The previous design for the gymnasiums included two small gymnasiums that opened into one full size tournament gymnasium. This meant that every time the school's athletic program played a league game, the two gyms would be required to be opened into the tournament size gymnasium.

Commission's contribution of \$218,000 funds the expansion of the gymnasium complex by adding 218 square metres of space. This addition allows for two full tournament size gymnasiums and ensures there will be access to the facility by the community.

CURRENT:

The construction of Burnaby Mountain High School is well underway with the official completion date anticipated to be April 2000. The school will be operational for the start of the school year in September 2000.

Staff are currently working with the staff of the Burnaby School District to develop a letter of agreement that will detail the community access to the gymnasium quadrant. It is anticipated that there will be community access to a gymnasium every week night from approximately 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

The gymnasium quadrant is on the south end of the building adjacent to the grass field and includes a weight room, dance studio, wrestling room, and two tournament size gymnasiums. Permanent bleachers and viewing area are accessed from the second floor. There are opportunities to view the activities in the gymnasiums from large windows going up a large stairway to the second floor. This stairway is the student commons area and will be the social focus of the school. It is a very impressive feature of the school's design.

An invitation to tour the site has been extended to Commission members by the staff of the Burnaby School district.

A by-law is required to be in place in order to process the payment of the \$218,000. Since the gymnasium quadrant is approximately 50% complete, with Commission's approval, \$109,000 will be forwarded in 1999 and the remaining \$109,000 will be paid upon substantial completion as verified by the architect. By the time the final payment is due, the letter of agreement and operational principles will be in place.

CONCLUSION:

The use of an adult size gymnasium for community use will be a welcomed addition to the facilities available to our youth and adult sports groups.

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available to finance this project which is included under the 1999 Parks Development component of the 1999-2003 Annual Capital Program. It is recommended that Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$218,00 from Capital Reserves.

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