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TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: REPAIRS TO THE CYCLING TRACK AT HARRY JEROME SPORTS CENTRE

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the Burnaby Velodrome Club's desire to repair the track at Harry Jerome Sports Centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

The Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC) is located at 7564 Barnet Highway on City owned park land. The facility, which is currently leased to the British Columbia Volleyball Association (BCVA), houses multiple volleyball courts and a cycling track. The lease expires on 2001 December 31. The Burnaby Velodrome Club has an agreement with the BCVA to use the cycling track in the Centre. The agreement stipulates that the Club maintain the track at its cost.

In response to stated concerns from staff and users about the poor condition of the track, and on the advice of Burnaby's Risk Manager, the track was closed in May 2001. Following the closure, the track was inspected by a structural engineer who determined that it was not in a satisfactory condition for its intended use. The track remains closed now. The Burnaby Velodrome Club have indicated that they want to repair the track as quickly as possible so that they can resume using it during the winter season.

The City is in the process of reviewing the long term options for the upgrade and operation of the HJSC. This review was necessitated by the need for roof replacement and other upgrades at the Centre, which were identified in a structural engineer's report produced in October 2000.

Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is a report from the Civic Development Committee to approve a request for proposals from appropriate groups to upgrade and operate the HJSC. This request for proposal process will take place over the upcoming months, and may result in the retention or removal of the cycling track as a component of the Centre.

The Burnaby Velodrome Club clearly understands that the future of the HJSC is under review. They also clearly understand that any investment they make to repair the track does not guarantee that the cycling track may remain at the HJSC for any particular period of time. Before any repairs proceed, the Club will be asked to acknowledge and agree, by way of a letter of understanding between the Club and Burnaby, that the City or any future operator of the HJSC, may remove the cycling track from the Centre should they choose to do so, without any compensation to the Club.



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