

2002 MARCH 14

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
**SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE
IN CENTRAL VALLEY - MAY 2002**

PURPOSE: To request Council's approval for the Burnaby Tennis Club to delay removal of the air support structure until 2002 May 12.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be given for the Burnaby Tennis Club to delay removal of the air support structure until 2002 May 12, on a one time basis only, for the purposes of providing rhythmic gymnastics practice space for the 2002 Pacific Alliance Gymnastics Championships.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2002 March 13, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.



Kate Friars
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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2. THAT Council be requested to concur.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Laurie Smith of the Burnaby Tennis Club and Mr. Scott Braley of Gymnastics B.C.

REPORT

Arrangements have now been confirmed for Gymnastics B.C. to host the 2002 Pacific Alliance Gymnastics Championships at Bill Copeland Sports Centre from 2002 April 29 to May 05. The Pacific Alliance features the senior and junior national gymnastics teams from fourteen countries around the Pacific Rim, therefore a number of the world's best gymnasts will be visiting Burnaby for this competition.

Gymnastics B.C. have also made arrangements with the Burnaby Tennis Club for the use of two courts under the "bubble", at no cost, for rhythmic gymnastics practice space. Arrangements for use of the tennis courts is subject to approval by the City.

The current agreement between the City of Burnaby and the Burnaby Tennis Club for the air support structure contains a clause which reads:

"(c) to dismantle and remove the air support structure from the license area on or before the 30th of April in each year during the term of the license;"

The Burnaby Tennis Club have requested approval to remove the air support structure the week of 2002 May 06-12 in order to facilitate the request of covered court space by Gymnastics B.C.

Impact to the public is minimal as eleven courts remain available for public use. The Burnaby Tennis Club intend to remove the "bubble" as early as possible the week of May 06-12, but as they are reliant on their volunteers to carry out this work, it is very likely the structure will not be removed until the weekend (May 11/12).

The City is fortunate to be able to host a gymnastic competition of this calibre at Bill Copeland Sports Centre. In addition to facility rental revenue, the tourism revenues will be significant. Three hundred fifty delegates will be competing and 2,000 spectators are anticipated; 1,200 seats are already sold. The event will be televised nationally by CBC, and is expected to be shown internationally also.

For these reasons, it is recommended that approval be given for the Burnaby Tennis Club to leave their air support structure in place no longer than 2002 May 12, on a one time basis only, and that Council be requested to concur.

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