

2003 APRIL 17

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: PARACHUTE JUMPS AND FIREWORKS FOR THE PRE AND POST-GAME CEREMONIES AT THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS SEASON OPENER ON 2003 MAY 03**

**PURPOSE:** To request Council's approval for parachute jumps on 2003 May 03 as part of the pre-game ceremonies of the Vancouver Whitecaps season opener at Swangard Stadium.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the request for parachute jumps on 2003 May 03 as part of the pre-game ceremonies of the Vancouver Whitecaps season opener be approved as outlined in the attached report.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 2003 April 16, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the four recommendations contained therein.



Kate Friars  
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION  
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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cc: Risk Manager

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT the request for parachute jumps on 2003 May 03 as part of the pre-game ceremonies of the Vancouver Whitecaps season opener be approved as outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council be requested to concur.
3. THAT the request for a fireworks display on 2003 May 03 as part of the post-game ceremonies of the Vancouver Whitecaps season opener be approved in principle as outlined in this report.
4. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to John Mitchell, Director of Game Day Operations for the Vancouver Whitecaps, and to the Burnaby Fire Department.

**REPORT**

Attached is a letter from Mr. John Mitchell, Director of Game Day Operations for the Vancouver Whitecaps, requesting approval for parachute jumps as part of the pre-game ceremonies, and fireworks as part of the post-game ceremonies for the season opener of the Vancouver Whitecaps on 2003 May 03. Both these types of events have been successfully carried out in the past at Swangard Stadium.

**Parachutists**

The parachutists will be from the British Columbia Parachute Demonstration Team which has performed previous jumps into Swangard Stadium and other Lower Mainland sites. Prior to the event the B.C. Parachute Demonstration Team will provide proof of liability insurance that includes the City of Burnaby and the Vancouver Whitecaps as additional named insured for this event, and there will be a cross liability clause.

The organizers will be required to meet all of the following conditions as recommended by the City's Risk Manager.

- Obtain permission from the Ministry of Transport
- Acknowledging in writing that the location into which the jump will occur meets their needs, and they accept all risks arising from the jump event.

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VANCOUVER WHITECAPS SEASON OPENER ON 2003 MAY 03**

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- Provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of ten (10) million dollars with the City of Burnaby and the Vancouver Whitecaps as an additional named insured for this specific event, including the flight of the aircraft over Burnaby, and the jump; that there be a cross liability clause; and that a statement be included stating the policy cannot be cancelled without the City of Burnaby receiving 30 days notice.
- Proper security is provided to ensure public safety.

**Fireworks**

Section 728 of the Local Government Act permits Council to authorize the issuance of a permit to a person or organization for the purpose of observing or celebrating a festival or special event by the use of firecrackers or other fireworks of any kind, and may specify terms and conditions.

The organizers will be required to meet all the following conditions:

- ensure the Explosive Act of Canada is adhered to
- The fireworks display must be conducted by a person possessing a valid Fireworks Supervisor's Card issued by Energy, Mines and Resources
- The Fireworks Supervisor must provide proof of liability insurance coverage in the amount of five (5) million dollars, with the City of Burnaby as an additional named insured for this specific event, and that there be a cross liability clause and also a statement that the policy cannot be canceled without the City of Burnaby receiving 30 days written notice.

Upon the approval from Commission, a report will then be provided to Council from the Burnaby Fire Department regarding their possible approval of pyrotechnics for the event.

**Conclusion**

Staff feel both the fireworks display and the parachute jumps will be positive entertainment features, and will not cause any damage to the facility or danger to patrons given the tight controls placed on these types of displays. As referred to earlier, these types of events have been successfully carried out in the past at Swangard Stadium.

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Attachment

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cc. Risk Manager



Tom Kurucz,  
Supervisor Sports and Outdoor Recreation  
Suite 101 - 4946 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4H7

March 21, 2003

Dear Tom,

This year the Whitecaps Football Club will be opening its 2003 season with a game at Swangard Stadium on May 3. Each year we try to make our Opening Day entertaining and fun for our fans. This year we would like to have the British Columbia Parachute Demonstration Team jump into Swangard Stadium at approximately 6:45 p.m. just before our kick-off at 7:00 p.m.

The British Columbia Parachute Demonstration Team is made up of experienced skydivers, each with more than one thousand jumps. They have made exhibition jumps into Swangaard Stadium, Enterprise Center (Expo '86 site), Coquitlam Stadium, Nat Bailey, Softball City and many other venues for various events around the province. They have also performed stunts for The X-files and other locally produced television shows. "On time and on target" is their motto!

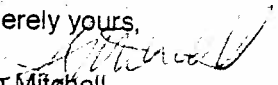
The jump begins with the arrival of the aircraft. They will pass over the landing area at between 1000 and 2000 feet, and drop a yellow paper wind drift indicator. The wind drift helps them to evaluate the winds aloft, and also serves as a signal to their ground crew. Once the wind drift has been dropped they will begin climbing to their exit altitude of 5000 feet, which will take approximately ten minutes. The skydiving portion of the show will consist of four jumpers who will exit the aircraft at the designated time and free-fall for approximately 15 seconds before they will deploy their parachutes. Once their parachutes are open, the jumpers will open the flags of Canada, BC and the Whitecaps and will take two to three minutes to reach the ground with a "tip-toe" landing.

We would also like to close the game with a fireworks display at approximately 9:00 p.m. with a show of approx. 6 minutes duration. The company we are using is Fiatlux.

Fiatlux will use a wide variety of effects -strobes, mines, comets, crossettes, roman candles, gerbs, saxons,concussions - to create a fantastic magical pyrotechnic display dazzling the audience. The display will consist of Pyrotechnics (Class 7.2.5) and Consumer Fireworks (Class 7.2.1) authorized for use in Canada by the Explosives Regulatory Division of the Government of Canada. There will be a mixture of low and mid altitude effects reaching heights of 150 feet. Once the final design is completed, a detailed list of products will be available. All safety distances and precautions will be maintained at all times. Concept Fiatlux will be responsible for the set up, dismantling and providing the equipment and all licensed crew to fire the show. Fiatlux will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and authorizations to produce the fireworks display. Fiatlux will issue an official insurance certificate no later than two weeks before the date of the display.

We would like to ask for approval for these 2 parts of our event. If you would like anymore information on our Opening Day, please call me at 604-222-0830 or by e-mail at cartunes@shaw.ca.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Mitchell,  
Director of Game Day Operations

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