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| Meeting | 2010 Nov 22 |

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2010 November 18

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: 2010/2011 FACILITY USE FEE SCHEDULE

PURPOSE: To request approval for the fees for Burnaby youth users of artificial turf fields to be implemented 2011, and to request amendment to Bylaw #12788.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** approval be given for the fees, outlined in the attached report, for Burnaby youth users of artificial turf fields to be implemented 2011.
2. **THAT** amendment be made to Bylaw #12788 to add the fees outlined in the attached report.

REPORT

At its 'Open' Meeting of 2010 November 17, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.

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Wendy Scott
ACTING DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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City Solicitor

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: FEES FOR BURNABY YOUTH USERS OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** approval be given for the fees , outlined in this report, for Burnaby youth users of artificial turf fields to be implemented 2011 January.
2. **THAT** Council be requested to approve the fees, as outlined in this report.
3. **THAT** Council be requested to amend Bylaw #12788 to add the fees outlined in this report.

REPORT**Background**

Currently there are artificial turf use fees for youth groups whose membership is less than 60% Burnaby residents. Beginning in 2009 December, staff undertook a process to explore the possibility of implementing user fees for Burnaby youth users of artificial turf fields. An initial meeting was held with representatives of boys and girls soccer clubs in Burnaby to discuss the user fees.

Staff prepared a presentation to ensure consistent information was presented to all sports groups.

The main points included:

- Burnaby has some of the best field facilities in the region.
- The number of artificial turf fields per capita is the highest in the region.
- While a fee is proposed for artificial turf field use, grass and all weather fields will continue to be available free of charge to the users.
- A fee will be phased in over three years to minimize the impact and provide sufficient time for the clubs to plan and adjust their budgets.
- The increase in revenue will help the Department continue to deliver its services and programs effectively to field users.

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In February and March 2010, staff had individual meetings or communications with representatives of other youth sports that use artificial turf fields. The sports represented were rugby, field hockey, field lacrosse, and football. At the conclusion of each meeting, the representatives indicated that they understood the need to charge for the premium fields and while they would prefer to not pay the user fees they supported the implementation of them. The Burnaby Girls Soccer Club indicated they would be able to accommodate a potential fee within their budget.

In the Spring 2010, staff met three times with representatives of Burnaby Boys Soccer clubs and the Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association. At the last meeting of 2010 June 28, there was general agreement to implement a phased in fee for Burnaby youth use of artificial turf fields as well as agreement on solutions to some field allocation concerns.

Recommended Fee

Staff conducted market research of fees that are charged by other municipalities for youth use of artificial turf fields. Staff recommend that a 2010 fee of \$15.75/ hr., which adjusts to \$16.75/ hr. in 2013 due to inflationary increases, be adopted and phased in as outlined:

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| 2011 January: | 25% of fee | \$ 4.20/ hr. |
| 2011 September: | 50% of fee | \$ 8.40/ hr. |
| 2012 September: | 75% of fee | \$12.55/ hr. |
| 2013 September | 100% of fee | \$16.75/ hr. |

The market research (**Attachment #1**) indicates there are 7 municipalities that have higher rates than the proposed 2010 fee of \$15.75/ hr. and 3 municipalities that have lower per hr. rates. Any future changes in youth artificial turf field fees will be determined by comparison to other youth fees not tied to adult rates.

Conclusion

Burnaby youth have the majority of time on the seven artificial turf fields currently provided. An additional field is planned for Central Secondary School and will be available for community use by 2012 December. The artificial turf fields are a valued and well-used community asset with approximately 6,200 hours of community use experienced by youth sports groups annually.

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There are youth user fees for other recreation facilities such as gymnasiums, arenas, and pools. Implementation of a user fee for Burnaby youth users of artificial turf ensures there is a consistent and fair practice. Staff are hopeful that by phasing in the fee as planned, and by keeping the fee at the low end of the market this will ensure the impact on individual users is manageable.



Dave Ellenwood
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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Municipal Fees for Artificial Turf Use

2009 / 2010

| Municipality | Turf (Prime) | Lights |
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| Abbotsford | \$30.00 per hour | \$9.95 per hour Grass only |
| Surrey | \$27.60 per hour | \$4.89 per hour |
| West Vancouver | \$27.00 per hour | No Charge |
| North Vancouver | \$24.00 per hour | \$4.00 per hour |
| Vancouver | \$23.10 per hour | No charge |
| Port Coquitlam | \$18.00 per hour | No charge |
| Richmond | \$16.48 per hour | No charge |
| Port Moody | \$13.00 per hour | No charge |
| New Westminster | \$12.80 per hour | \$8.40 per hour |
| Township of Langley | \$7.90 per hour | No charge |
| Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows | \$10.00 per member | No charge |
| Delta | No charge | \$5.50 per hour |
| Burnaby | No charge | No charge |
| Coquitlam | No charge | No charge |