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COUNCIL REPORT

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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2011 January 11

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

**SUBJECT: PORTABLE WOOD FLOOR PROJECT AT BILL COPELAND ARENA**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain bylaw funding approval of \$668,640 (inclusive of 12% HST) for the installation of a portable wood floor at Bill Copeland Arena.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the expenditure of \$597,000 for the portable wood floor project be approved.
2. **THAT** a bylaw be brought forward to appropriate \$668,640 (inclusive of 12% HST) from Capital Reserves to finance the portable wood floor project.
3. **THAT** a copy be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

**REPORT**

The First Nations began playing lacrosse more than 500 years ago. Today the sport not only remains an integral part of native culture, but is played by thousands of people across Canada and has survived the test of time after treading down a long, controversial path that led it to become recognized as Canada's official national sport in 1994.

The sport of lacrosse also has a long history in Burnaby. In 1932, the Canadian Lacrosse Association sanctioned the Western Lacrosse Association, an amateur men's league, which at the time was comprised of seven teams that included the Burnaby Lakers. Iconic in Burnaby is Jack Crosby whose contribution to the sport of lacrosse started in the early 1960's and spanned more than 55 years of leadership in the sport locally and across Canada. Currently there are approximately 150 members on the Burnaby Lakers teams of Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors, and 418 young players in the Burnaby Minor Lacrosse league.

Lacrosse is played in all three of Burnaby's arenas on polished concrete during the spring and summer but the most popular and well-used arena is Bill Copeland. The concrete surface can cause injury due to the lack of its shock absorbing quality when athletes are running, stopping quickly and twisting.

In support of the tradition of lacrosse in Burnaby and in the interest of prevention of injury, it is proposed that a portable wood floor be constructed for Bill Copeland Arena. The 17,000 sq.ft. floor will be installed each spring and removed late summer in time for the ice sports season.

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Lacrosse games will be scheduled primarily at Bill Copeland to make the best use of the floor. Time currently used at Burnaby Lake and Kensington arenas will be made available to other dry floor sports. The changes in the allocation schedule will not result in loss of time for any of the dry floor sports groups.

In order to ensure maximum flexibility of use, a protective cover for the wood floor is proposed that will allow events such as the secondary school graduation ceremonies to be held. Once the protective cover is in place, tables, chairs, and operating equipment can be used without damaging the floor.

A subfloor will be purchased so it can be placed between the ice and hardwood floor to accommodate potential events during the fall/winter season. The subfloor also protects the wood floor from any residual moisture when the ice is removed and the wood floor installed for the spring/summer season. When the portable wood floor is not being used, it will be stored either in a renovated storage room in Burnaby Lake Arena or in a portable structure outside the arena.

The construction of a portable hardwood floor that is custom made for Bill Copeland Arena is anticipated to require 2-3 months. In order for the wood floor to be in place for the 2011 dry floor season, the Request for Proposal for the contract to construct and install the wood floor needs to occur immediately. Staff plan to bring a report to the 2011 February 07 Council meeting to recommend the award of the contract.

The addition of a portable hardwood floor at Bill Copeland Arena will enhance the sport of lacrosse by providing the best possible playing surface available. The improved playing conditions may attract more young people to participate in Canada's national summer sport. It is anticipated that the wood floor will establish Burnaby as a premier location for lacrosse tournaments.

Financing

The project is estimated to cost:

Wood Floor	\$340,000
Sub Floor	\$145,000
Protective Cover	\$ 22,000
Storage for Floor	\$ 90,000
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Total Cost	\$597,000
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If Council approves this expenditure, this project will be included in the 2011 Annual Financial Plan. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available to fund this project, and a Capital Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$668,640 (inclusive of 12% HST) appears elsewhere on this agenda to appropriate the funds.

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