

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Parks & Recreation Office on February 17, 1992 at 5pm.

In attendance were Alderman Mike Thompson and Alderman Michael Wright. Also in attendance were Larry J. Wheeler (Item No. 2), Recreation Manager/Deputy Director, Rick Hankin (Item No. 1) GVRD, Paul Skite (Item No. 1) GVRD and K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

Item No. 1 GVRD

The Committee met with Rick Hankin and Paul Skite to discuss the concept of the PoCo Trail becoming part of a regional trail system. It was agreed that GVRD could act in a support role in areas of advertising and also giving some technical advice on signage standards, etc. Mr. Hankin was very supportive of the concept of looking at PoCo Trail being advertised in the GVRD brochures.

Mr. Hankin also spoke about the meeting April 2 for the NE Sector and the GVRD Park Plan.

Recommendation

That the verbal presentation be received.

Carried

Item No. 2 Marlins Request - Extending Centennial Pool Operating Season

The report from the Recreation Manager/Deputy Director was reviewed by Committee.

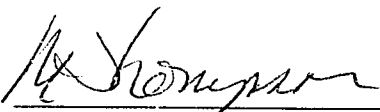
Recommendation

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

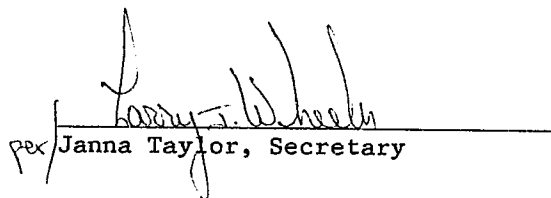

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.



M. Thompson, Chairman


per Janna Taylor, Secretary
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THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1992

TO: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

FROM: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Marlin's Request: Extending Centennial Pool
Operating Season

Recommendation:

It is recommended that we decline the Port Coquitlam
Marlin's request for the Department to extend the operating
season for Centennial Pool in 1992.

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Purpose/Problem:

The purpose of this report is to provide information and a
recommendation regarding the Port Coquitlam Marlin's request that we
consider extending Centennial Pool's operating season by up to 4
weeks.

Background Information:

In recent years we have opened Centennial Pool around the middle of
June. This has been done to accommodate several swim meets/swim
trials held in late June. Late last year, the Port Coquitlam
Marlin's forwarded a request (letter attached) that we consider
extending the operating season of Centennial Pool by up to 4 weeks.
Their rationale is that to provide a "top notch" summer swim program,
they require additional training time in the weeks leading up to
these meets.

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Alternatives:

A number of alternatives are available for Committee's consideration.

- 1) Support the Marlin's request to extend the operating season at Centennial Pool by 4 weeks.
- 2) Deny the Marlin's request.
- 3) Modify the Marlin's request and extend the season for a shorter time period.

Discussion:

The rationale for the Port Coquitlam Marlin's request is outlined in the attached letter. Basically, they are of the opinion that to provide an excellent program and operate a "healthy" club, they require additional training time prior to the start of the season. The amount of time that we are able to provide them with in the indoor facility is limited due to our agreement with the schoolboard and the resulting pressure for public programs during prime times.

Although we do not disagree that additional practice time in our community would benefit the club and its program, we are concerned with the idea of opening the pool up for up to an extra 4 weeks and having the swim club only use it 4 hours per day for 4 - 5 days per week. It is our understanding that on most weekends the club would not be training as they would be off competing. Filling the additional hours would be very difficult as the majority of the schoolboard requirements are already being met and the demand for lessons in the outdoor pool would likely not be that great. In addition, we have already committed to opening the indoor pool this summer, thereby providing six additional weeks of swim lessons.

I have attached a copy of the ledger statement (unaudited) for the 1991 Centennial Pool operation. The pool cost approximately \$3,350.00 per week to operate in 1991. Some costs (ie start-up) will not change regardless of when we open. However, the costs for heating the water, the chemical program, and maintaining the pool would increase. We are not able to easily identify these costs, but have estimated them to be at least \$1,250.00 per week. I am not sure what the Port Coquitlam Marlin's Swim Club's ability to pay is, but I am quite sure that they would be looking for some sort of cost sharing arrangement.


In addition, we need to take into consideration the community's reaction. If we do decide to open the pool early and the weather is bad, we may face a lot of criticism for opening during the time of year when the weather is typically not very good. On the other hand, if the weather is good and we were not staffing the facility, we would be open to criticism for operating the facility, but not allowing the general public access. However, any assistance we provide to the swim club would be well received by the parents of Club participants.

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Conclusion:

The Port Coquitlam Marlin's have approached the Parks and Recreation Department with a request that we consider operating Centennial Pool for an additional four weeks to accommodate their training requirements. It is estimated that the additional cost of operating the facility would be approximately \$1,250.00 per week. It is our feeling that we would have a difficult time justifying opening the pool early for approximately 4 hours per day of usage.


Larry J. Wheeler

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PT. COQUITLAM MARLINS

C/O M. Reynolds
3342 Osborne St.
Pt. Coquitlam B.C.
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October 31, 1991

CITY OF PT. COQUITLAM
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.
2253 Leigh Square
Pt. Coquitlam, B.C.
V2C-2A8

ATTENTION: MS. J. TAYLOR, Director, Parks and Recreation


Dear Ms. J. Taylor:

First let me introduce myself. My name is Mark Reynolds and I am the newly elected President for the Pt. Coquitlam Marlins Swim Club. On behalf of our new Executive Committee, I extend our heart felt thanks and appreciation for the support you and the City of Pt. Coquitlam Recreation Department have shown us in past years.

Ms. Taylor, ours is a vibrant and growing community. In recent years this is reflected in a small way through our own growth in club registrations. Our joint growth, the community and the club, has certainly added additional strain to available resources.

For the past few years, to meet the needs of our swimmers, during May and the first two weeks of June, we have purchased limited pool time outside of our community. This was done in association with the Pt. Moody Aquarians Swim Club and the City of Pt. Moody. Today we are not pleased with this position as we would prefer to support our local community services. The erratic hours, varied locations and expense of commuting has been an irritant to our members. Anticipating our 1992 growth and to address the crescendo of concern, I would like the opportunity to meet with you in early December to explore local alternatives.

One such option may be opening one of our existing outdoor facilities on or about May 19, 1992 with the Marlins subsidising the operating expense for the four additional weeks of operation. Further, we could work with you to maximize the use of the facility to promote aquatics in Pt. Coquitlam.


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Ms. Taylor, we, like you, are working with limited funds. This option may certainly be beyond our means. However, we do need your help in exploring options to meet our community demands.

Ms. Taylor, please feel free to contact me by phone:

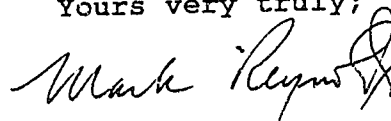
HOME: 942-0400

WORK: 255-2442

or by mail in care of my home: 3342 Osborne St.
Pt. Coquitlam, B.C.
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Looking forward to meeting and working with you.

Yours very truly;



Mark Reynolds

c.c. D. Grieve, Area Supervisor
M. Thompson, Alderman



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Pools-Out/Learn (Maintenance)


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Period 12 ending January 18, 1992

Transaction status 2

1991
BUDGETActual
YTDPercent
Avail.GENERAL FUND
Parks & Recreation
Centennial Pool
Maintenance

3 9414801100	Hourly pay & benefits	29,100.00	21,281.39	26.9
3 9414801102	Hourly OT pay		1,474.43	
3 9414801201	Internal vehicle rent		4,545.57	
3 9414801211	Small tool rentals		42.40	
3 9414801216	External equipment re		3,905.99	
3 9414801301	Hydro		56.00	
3 9414801411	Cleaning supplies			
3 9414801471	Paint			
3 9414801481	Pool chemicals		24.24	
3 9414801486	Inventory		1,189.27	
3 9414801499	Other materials		250.00	
3 9414801501	Electricians		458.61	
3 9414801506	Plumbers			
3 9414801551	Delivery service			
3 9414801576	Alarm service		384.00	
3 9414801599	Other contracted serv			
Fnc 801	Maintenance	29,100.00	33,611.90	15.5-
Sub 414	Centennial Pool	29,100.00	33,611.90	15.5-


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