

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in City Hall on Tuesday, April 14th, 1987, at 4:45 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman George Laking and Alderman Mike Gates.

Also in attendance were K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director; Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on Tuesday, April 7th, 1987, be taken as read and adopted.

Item No. 1 Shimizu Sawmill - Loop Road

The attached letter has been received from the architect, Frank Kamiya.

Recommendations:

1. That the proposed location of the loop road be approved.
2. That details as to grade, width, etc., be done in conjunction with the City's Engineering Department.

CARRIED

Item No. 2 Players Benches - Softball Diamonds

The attached report was received by the Committee. The Committee would like to have an opinion from our insurance adjuster as to liability. Other parks in other municipalities such as Telosky and Moody Park apparently do not have fences in front of their players benches as was indicated in the report from Janna Taylor. Alderman Gates produced pictures of the particular parks. Unfortunately the information received from Maple Ridge and New Westminster was obviously not accurate.

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Recommendation:

That an opinion be obtained from our insurance people as to the City's liability if we were to remove the fencing.

CARRIED

Item No. 3

Viscount Alexander Ball Diamonds

The attached reports were presented to the Committee.

Recommendation:

That the recommendations outlined in the report from Janna Taylor be taken to Council. The one area which will not be taken to Council as a recommendation will be the portable toilets. It was agreed that we would find a more suitable location for these. Furthermore, Larry will investigate with the School District #43 in regard to jurisdiction on school grounds.

Item No. 4

French Exchange Students

The attached report was reviewed by the Committee.

Recommendation:

That the French exchange students be hosted by the City of Port Coquitlam as outlined.

CARRIED

Item No. 5

May Day Route


The attached map was given to the Committee.

Recommendation:

That the route as in past years be taken to Council for approval.

CARRIED

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Item No. 6

Evergreen Park Ball Diamond

Alderman Gates brought to the attention of the Committee that a resident had complained about balls going into his backyard and that the players were climbing his fence in order to get the balls back. Apparently this person's fence is now requiring repair.

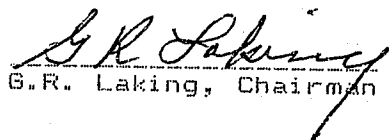
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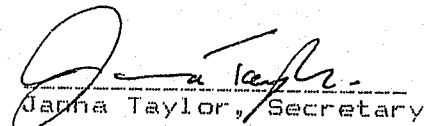
That the Parks & Recreation Department would inform all user groups that they are not to utilize the resident's fence and that they must make arrangements with the resident to retrieve the balls.

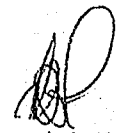
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


G.R. Laking, Chairman


Janna Taylor, Secretary


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April 10, 1987

Ms. Janna Taylor
Parks & Recreation Director
Port Coquitlam Parks & Recreation Commission
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Dear Ms. Taylor:

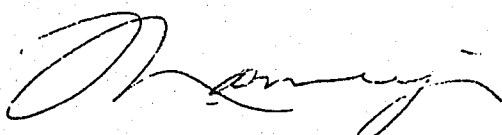
Re: SHIMIZU SAWMILL
Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Further to my meeting with you in late February, we understood that the concept of the loop road around our site is generally acceptable providing certain details are worked out between the owner of the site and the authorities concerned.

May we ask you to formally present this loop road/trail concept to council, if you have not already done so, so that we may finalize our site planning. Please keep me informed as to the progress as there are certain legal matters which will be required between the owner and the city re: dedication.

We thank you again for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Yours truly,



Frank Kamiya, MRAIC, MAIBC

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R E P O R T

TO: Alderman George Laking
Alderman Mike Gates

FROM: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Players Benches - Softball Diamonds

Introduction:

Alderman Gates asked the Parks & Recreation Department to look into the possibility of cutting back the fencing in front of the players' benches at Aggie and McLean Parks.

Background Information:

The Parks Superintendent, Bram Hoogendoorn, has made contact with New Westminster Parks Department and Maple Ridge Parks Department. Frank Davies from New Westminster indicated that all of their diamonds involving adult and minor league play had their players' benches enclosed. A picture of Sapperton Park will show the player benches enclosed.

Mike Davies from Maple Ridge Parks Department indicated that all of their diamonds, such as Telosky, Hammond and Merkley Parks have their players' benches enclosed.


Concerns:

My initial concern is of player safety and city liability if we were to take down the wire mesh in front of the players' benches. From a liability point of view, I believe we would be putting the city in a very difficult position if a player were to be hit by a ball. Even if we were to have players sign waiver forms, this unfortunately does not protect the city adequately.

Recommendation:

That the Parks & Recreation Department not be required to remove the fencing in front of the players' benches at either McLean or Aggie ball diamonds.

K. Janna Taylor,
Parks & Recreation Director.


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R E P O R T

TO: Alderman George Laking
Alderman Mike Gates

FROM: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Viscount Field Use - PoCo Slow Pitch League

Introduction:

The Committee has had the opportunity to meet with the various individuals involved in the issue of Viscount Field use.

I would first of all draw your attention to Larry Wheeler's report of 1987 04 13 in which he asks the Committee to adopt the two recommendations outlined at the end of his report.

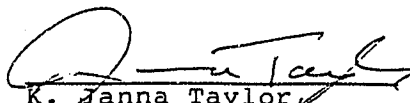
At the Council meeting of last night, April 13th, 1987, a petition was presented outlining the residents' concerns in regard to "non-scheduled" adult teams playing at the softball diamonds. Also a concern was outlined in regard to parking and the use of the portable toilet.

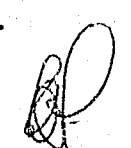
Comments:

It appears that we have a problem with teams who are not scheduled using the ball diamonds. Another problem which needs to be addressed, is that technically the city has no jurisdiction in patrolling these ball diamonds and asking teams to leave.

Recommendation:

1. That we maintain the existing situation at Viscount Alexander, i.e. adult play on two diamonds only and no adult play on the two diamonds adjacent to the residents.
2. That a meeting be set up with S.D.#43 officials to sort out jurisdiction and who can do what and that a report be brought back to Committee.
3. That new signs be posted saying:
"Teams with City Permits only on these diamonds."
4. That no portable toilet be placed in the park this year.


K. Janna Taylor
Parks & Recreation Director.


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MEMORANDUM TO: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

MEMORANDUM FROM: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Viscount Field Use - PoCo Slow Pitch League

Purpose/Problem:

The Parks and Recreation Committee requested the Department to meet with Ball Diamond users to explore possible solutions to the problem at Viscount fields with regards to adult use.

History/Background:

As noted in previous reports, representatives of the Port Coquitlam Recreational Slow Pitch League were challenging a ruling made in 1985 regarding the banning of adults from using some of the Viscount ball diamonds. Representatives of the league have attended both a Council Meeting and a Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting claiming that the ruling is unfair and should be dropped. Citizens from the neighbourhood have addressed the Parks & Recreation Committee and have sent a small petition to Council indicating that adult play continues to be a problem (although not as serious as it use to be) and the 1985 ruling should be further enforced.

Rather than meeting with all diamond users the department representatives chose to meet with the representative(s) of the Port Coquitlam Recreation Slow Pitch League (hereafter referred to as the P.R.S.L.) to clarify what the objectives were that they were hoping to fulfill.

Alternatives:

It was felt that there were a number of alternatives worthy of exploring. The list that follows is not exhaustive.

- * Leave everything as is, make do for 1987, and look for scheduling improvements for 1988.
- * Obtain approval for adult use of all four Viscount diamonds.
- * Convince other leagues to consider giving up some time to allow the (P.R.S.L.) League to establish a more reasonable schedule.

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- * Encourage P.R.S.L. to use the two all-weather diamonds located at Reeve Street Park.
- * Encourage P.R.S.L. to use the two all-weather diamonds located at Reeve Street Park with minor site modifications.
- * Identify whether or not there are other diamonds becoming available in late June that the P.R.S.L. could use.

Citizen/Public Relations Involvement/Implications:

Situations such as this one make it very difficult to find a win-win solution. Any decision will satisfy a portion of the citizens and upset another portion. The important thing is to explore all option and establish a solution that meets the corporate objective of efficient use of resources and therefore, over the long term serves the needs of the majority of citizens.

Other:

As it turns out, the current debate appears to revolve around two issues:

- (1) The principal of not allowing organized play to occur at all four Viscount diamonds, while unorganized play continues to occur and further damages the reputation of the adult leagues.
- (2) Some of the leagues were not prepared to commit to the terms identified at the Field Allocation Meeting, creating a concern among P.R.S.L. members that they may not have enough diamonds available to fulfill league obligations.

Department representatives indicated that it was highly unlikely under current conditions that organized adult leagues would be permitted back on the Viscount Ball Diamonds.

To alleviate the P.R.S.L. concern over the availability of diamonds when their league play starts up, we agreed to confirm in writing the conditions agreed to at the diamond allocation meetings.

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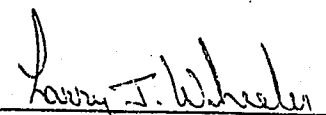
An interesting suggestion that came up during discussions, concluded that mid June to mid July were the difficult times for scheduling diamonds because some leagues are finishing up while others are starting up. In consideration of this it was suggested that perhaps the adult leagues could be allowed to use the Viscount diamonds until mid July, then, for the rest of the summer, adults would not be allowed to play on any of the Viscount diamonds. This would resolve the neighbourhood concern of having no quiet time throughout the entire season of good weather.

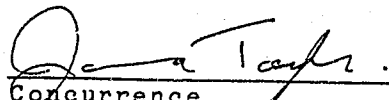
Conclusion:

The Parks and Recreation Committee requested the Department work with the ball diamond users to try and resolve the difficulties related to adult use of Viscount diamonds. As it turns out the argument is primarily one of principal and the real concern relates to whether or not the P.R.S.L. will have enough diamonds available for its use when league play starts. This was easily resolved with the department agreeing to confirm in writing, with the leagues involved, the conditions agreed to at the field allocation meeting.

Recommendation:


It is recommended that the attached report be accepted for information, and that, 1) the field allocation system be reviewed before the 1988 season, and that, 2) the Department explore methods of encouraging the field users to take on an increased role relative to field allocations and community responsibility.


Report Writer
Larry J. Wheeler
Recreation Manager


Concurrence
K. Janna Taylor
Parks & Recreation Director

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MEMORANDUM TO: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director
MEMORANDUM FROM: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Exchange Students from Quebec - -
City of Port Coquitlam

Purpose/Problem:

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation regarding the City of Port Coquitlam's role in hosting the exchange students from Quebec.

History/Background:

Each year Mary Hill Junior Secondary School hosts a group of exchange students from Quebec. Each year, the students spend a good portion of one day in the City of Port Coquitlam and area. Our involvement has varied from year to year dependant upon budget monies available, etc.

This year, April 27th has been identified as the day which the students would spend in Port Coquitlam. We have not allocated any money in the 1987 budget for this purpose.

Alternative:

It is anticipated that the City can continue the tradition of providing the students with an exciting and challenging day. The students could start the day by meeting with the Mayor who would review some history and provide them with City of Port Coquitlam memorabilia. Next the students could go for a swim at Hyde Creek (if available) and/or the City of Port Coquitlam could provide a small catered lunch. In the afternoon, the students could participate in a guided tour of Minnekhada Regional Park (G.V.R.D. will supply interpretive staff) or take a hike around Golden Ears Provincial Park.

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Financial Implications:

If we decide to host a lunch, we could provide an enjoyable meal for approximately \$200.00 (based on 55 participants). Meal would include:

- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Salads (macaroni, coleslaw, potatoe, veg.)
- Biscuits
- Refreshments
- Pastry

If this was not appropriate, we could get sandwiches with vegetable sticks and pickles for approximately \$25.00 - \$30.00 more.

Citizen/Public Relations Involvement/Implications:

It is felt that the citizens of Port Coquitlam would appreciate their City showing the special hospitality that Port Coquitlam has become known for. In addition, the students from Mary Hill might gain some additional insight and a greater appreciation regarding the history and workings of their community.

Other:

I have spoken to the trip organizers and their preference is to have a small catered lunch and go on a guided tour of Minnekhada Regional Park.

Conclusion:

A group of students are visiting Port Coquitlam from Quebec. These students will be spending the day in Port Coquitlam on April 27, 1987. In the past we have hosted a variety of activities for these students, and we have been requested to host them again. Although we have not allocated money in 1987 for this event, we can host an exciting day, including lunch for approximately \$200.00.

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Recommendation:

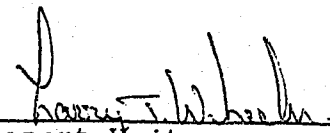
It is recommended that the City of Port Coquitlam plan a day of activity for the students from Quebec, including a small catered lunch.


A.M. Meeting with the Mayor

NOON Lunch (Kentucky Fried Chicken)

P.M. Guided Tour of Minnekhada Regional Park


And, that the lunch be funded from the Civic Events budget.


Report Writer
Larry J. Wheeler
Recreation Manager


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K. Janna Taylor
Parks & Recreation Director

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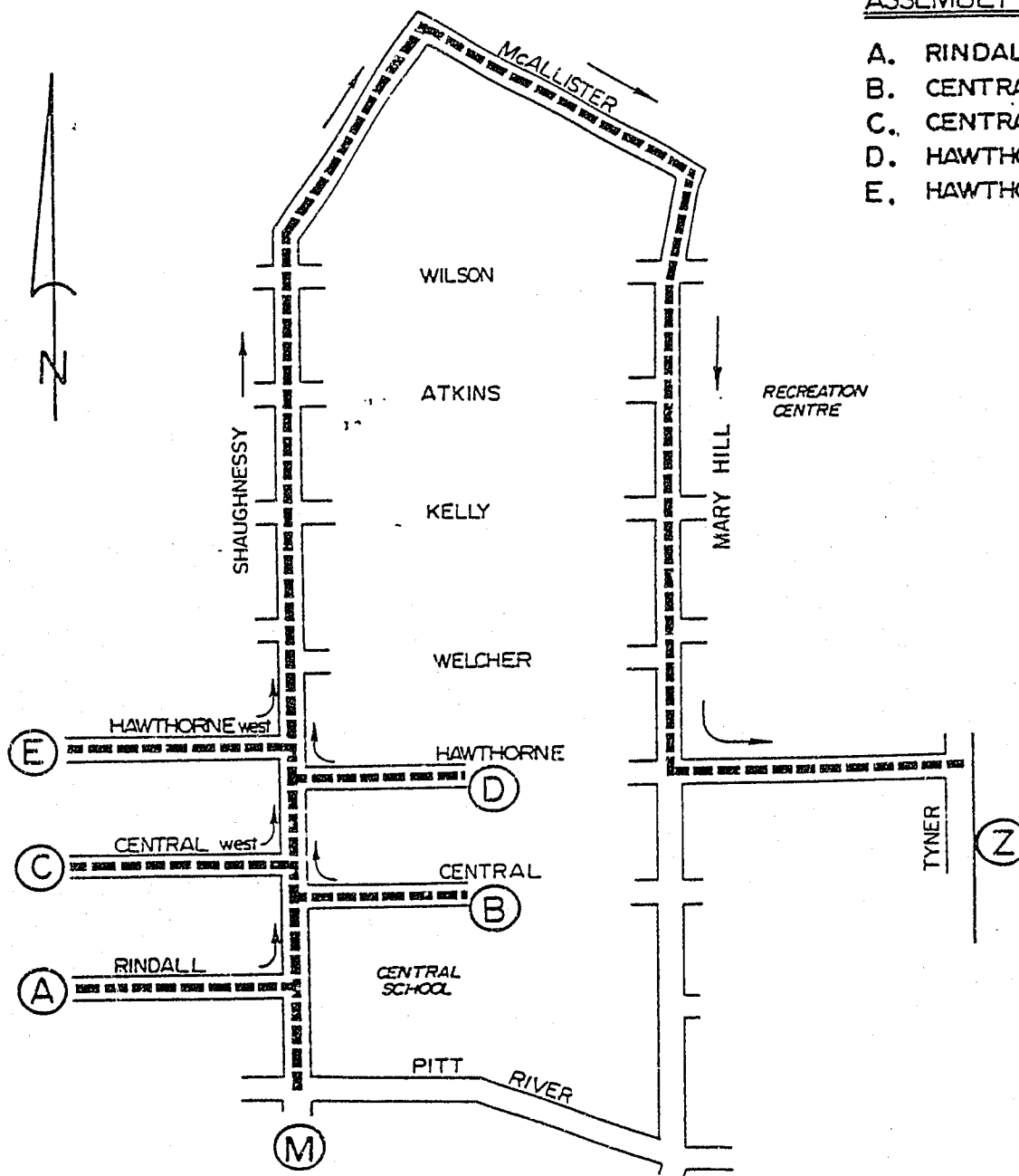

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PARADE ROUTE

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PARADE BEGINS AT (M) AND DISPERSES ON TYNER ST. (Z)

ASSEMBLY AREAS

- A. RINDALL AVE.
- B. CENTRAL AVE. EAST
- C. CENTRAL AVE. WEST
- D. HAWTHORNE AVE. EAST
- E. HAWTHORNE AVE. WEST



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