

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM  
PARKS & RECREATION

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in City Hall on Tuesday, October 20th, 1987, at 4:45 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman George Laking and Alderman Mike Gates.

Also in attendance was K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on Tuesday, October 13th, 1987, be taken as read and adopted.

Item No. 1      Wellington Park

The Parks & Recreation Committee strongly feel that it is important to have playground equipment in the park.

Recommendation:


1. That equipment be purchased and installed at the corner of Patricia and Wellington.
2. That no trees be removed.
3. That the residents be informed of the decision.
4. That the underbrush be cleared at the location of the playground equipment.

CARRIED

Item No. 2      Evergreen Park

The attached letter was received from Marilyn Sander in regard to problems at Evergreen Park.

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Comments:

Presently our parks are closed from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. I would think that the rationale for closing our parks at 11:00 p.m. may be that such things as softball games, etc., could be played at night. However, due to the fact that none of our parks have lighting to allow night games, the 11:00 p.m. closure may not necessarily be appropriate.

The other point brought up in the letter is one of lighting and as you are aware, one light is already in place. The cost to include another light would be approximately \$2,500 and could indeed be included in the 1988 capital budget.

Possible alternatives to alleviate problems at Evergreen Park:


- a) Parks closed 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- b) PoCo Parks closed 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday to Friday.
- c) Leave closure of parks as is.
- d) An additional light be included in the 1988 capital budget, at a cost of \$2,500.

Recommendation:

- 1. Leave closure of parks as is.
- 2. An additional light to be included in the 1988 capital budget at a cost of \$2,500.
- 3. Invite Marilyn Sander to a committee meeting.

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Item No. 3      School Soccer Fields

The Parks & Recreation Director indicated that a meeting had taken place with B.R. Kirk; Tom Harris, School Board; Svein Urdahl, School Board; and herself in regard to looking at various fields for upgrading. It was generally agreed by both parties that they would share fifty-fifty in the upgrading of these fields. A further meeting will be held in the near future and a full report will be forthcoming to the committee when details are firmed up. The question of the current cost of maintenance of school fields was not discussed but will be brought up at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

That the verbal report be received.

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Item No. 4      New Minor Baseball Organization

The attached memorandum from the Recreation Manager was reviewed by the Committee.

Recommendation:

That the report be received for information.

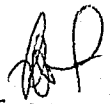
Item No. 5      Youth Programs

Comments:

The attached letter was received by the Recreation Department. A meeting was held with Tekla, the Mayor, and myself on Friday, October 16th, 1987.

Basically I went over our past youth programs and youth councils which have operated during the past fifteen years. Furthermore, I indicated that for 1988, our department will be applying for govern-

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ment grants to operate a youth program and that details of this program would be included in the 1988 budget. Part of the program would include a youth council. At the end of the meeting it was agreed that Tekla would be invited to a meeting with our program staff. The Recreation Manager will be in charge of the co-ordination of the overall youth project.

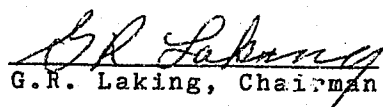
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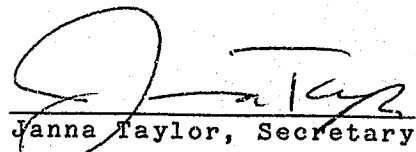
That the report be received.


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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
G.R. Laking, Chairman

  
Janna Taylor, Secretary

  
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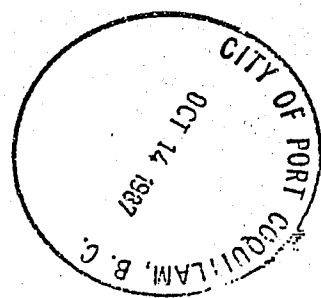


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Mayor L. M. Trabouley:

I am sure you will recall the "Evergreen Park Petition". I am writing with regard to the requests made by the residents of Lincoln Park on the Petition. We understand you had to go back to City Council with regard to more lighting and closing the park at dusk. We would like to be advised of the outcome.

I must again stress how important it is to close the park earlier. A few Saturdays ago at about 9:30 pm I called the




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R.C.M.P. to report a group of 15 or 20 children starting to gather in the park - screaming and shouting and using profane language. About a half hour later the R.C.M.P. called us back advising us that the children would not leave the park "as the sign states the park isn't closed until 11:00 pm." They said they did not have any liquor either and that they couldn't do anything about them being there. The next morning we found a half empty can of beer in our fenced back yard and two more on our front lawn!

The youngsters at Evergreen Park

  
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don't seem to be there in the large numbers that we had in the summer, but the 20 or so that still do use the park at night to drink & create a disturbance must be dealt with as well, and the Police claim they are helpless as long as the park is opened; the kids can be there (even though they are creating a disturbance!!)

Please advise us as to your progress with regard to our request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

C. C. ALDERMEN  
SUPT. NAYKENS  
F. E. PETERS

Yours truly,  
Marilyn Sanders

  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MEMO

TO: K. J. Taylor  
Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 20, 1987

FROM: Larry J. Wheeler  
Recreation Manager

FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Organization of Little League

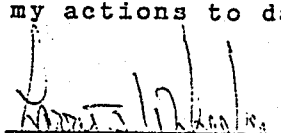
As per our discussion I wanted to confirm our dealings to date with the organizers of the proposed Little League.

Several months ago, Ian Evans, approached the Department with the idea of starting up a Little League. He was interested in confirming a diamond. I explained that we could not book a diamond for him at this time and we continued to have a discussion around Minor Ball versus Little League. I also discussed the P.C.A.A.A. with him in very general terms.

Last week, Ian, called me to let me know that he was having a meeting on Monday to establish the level of interest in the community regarding Little League. During this discussion I emphasized the importance of him making contact with Bob Sutter. I explained to him that before we would recognize Little League as a legitimate organization, they would have to be members in good standing with the P.C.A.A.A. This conversation has been confirmed in writing (copy attached).


Today, we received a copy of a letter addressed to Bob Sutter from the President of Minor Ball regarding the proposed Little League (copy attached).

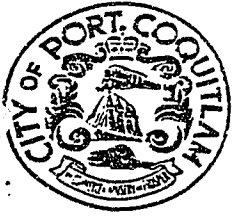
I have drafted you this memo in an effort to keep you informed of my actions to date regarding this potentially contentious issue.

  
Larry J. Wheeler  
Recreation Manager

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10-20-1987

Ian Evans  
1683 Chadwick Ave.  
Port Coquitlam, BC  
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Dear Ian:

As per our telephone conversation the other day, I would like to re-confirm the importance of you contacting Bob Sutter regarding your efforts to start-up Little League in Port Coquitlam. Bob Sutter is President of the Port Coquitlam Amateur Athletic Association.

All minor sport organizations are encouraged to be members in good standing with the P.C.A.A.A. before they are recognized by the City. Although, the City maintains the responsibility of scheduling ice and ball diamonds, we do work in very close cooperation with the P.C.A.A.A. on this matter.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry J. Wheeler".

Larry J. Wheeler  
Recreation Manager

cc Bob Sutter  
President, P.C.A.A.A.

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Handwritten initials, possibly "JP", in dark ink.

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PORT COQUITLAM MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 271, PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. V3C 3C7

October 20, 1987

Mr. Bob Sutter, President  
P.C.A.A.A.  
1745 Langan  
Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Dear Bob;

Last night I attended a meeting at Terry Fox Library regarding a group of parents trying to start up a Little League organization here in Port Coquitlam.

I did not speak at this meeting, only listened as I wanted to hear what the parents (approximately 20) and the Little League had to say. My impression was that they had nothing more to offer than what PoCo Minor Baseball does already. i.e., Coaches Clinics, Umpire Clinics, Player Development Camps, etc. Like any sport, one can get good and bad coaches.

Through P.C.A.A.A. softball and baseball have worked well together regarding field allocations. To bring another baseball organization into PoCo would have havoc with this situation. We are a small community and with the two organizations that we have already, I feel allowing another organization in would be detrimental.

PoCo Minor Baseball has worked very hard in the last three years to make baseball better. Through Sponsorships and Casinos we have raised our funds without the players having to sell anything to an already over fundraising community.

At this time we are asking for all the fields that we had last year and definitely require full use of Cedar, Central and Thompson Parks for our older divisions.

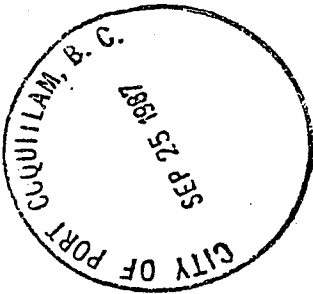
Should you require any further information please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Sharron Hyde*  
Sharron Hyde  
President

cc: PoCo Rec. Dept.

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September 22, 1987

City Hall  
Mayor Traboulay  
2272 McAllister  
Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Attention: Mayor Traboulay


Dear Mayor Traboulay,

I am writing to you to raise your awareness of the dilemma the average teenager faces.

The Port Coquitlam Rec. Center has very good programs. Unfortunately most are not aimed at the 15-19 year old age group. The few courses that are offered are put on during Saturday day when many of us work.

Friday and Saturday night roll around and we are ready to do something. One problem, Port Coquitlam does not have a lot to offer our age group. Our choices are movies, which we can only see so many of or hanging around malls and restaurants which is not very appealing. We could also travel quite a distance to teen night clubs. These are a lot of fun but it is a hassle to get there. It can cause some concern to our parents when they know there are four teenagers in a car, driving downtown.

I would like to suggest to the Rec. Center and Council to arrange a teen advisory group. This would consist of some concerned teens, aldermen and parents who could arrange activities for the Senior Secondary age group.

  
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A teen club would be quite feasible. On week nights it could be a place to go, maybe for tutorial servies and different courses such as first aid, resume writing, job searching skills, mechanics, make-up, computers, etc. On Friday and Saturday nights it could be turned into a teen nigh club with dancing.

New Westminster has a detached youth program which could give us some ideas and guidelines of programs to offer. Changes and Shakers could be used as examples to follow for the dancing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter.  
I am looking forward to a favourable reply.


Yours sincerely,

Tekla Hendrickson

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/th School 94-5401

  
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