CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1985, at 4:15 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman Michael Wright and Alderman George Laking.

Also in attendance were K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director; Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Gregson (Item No. 1 only).

Item No. 1 Viscount Alexander Ball Diamonds

Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Gregson were in attendance to discuss the problem that they have faced at Viscount Alexander over the past few years and, in particular, last summer's ball season. Mrs. Norris outlined that the 1985 summer was most disturbing at Viscount Elementary. Team members utilizing the ball diamonds closest to their residences became unruly in that they drank beer and made lots of noise throughout many weekends. They were unable to sit in their back yards during the weekends because of the excessive noise and abusive language used by the fans and players. Traditionally we have had minor baseball and softball booked at the four diamonds for the months of May and June and then have booked the diamonds out to adults for the months of July and August. The diamonds have been booked for both adult leagues and also scrub teams that come along during the summer and wish to have ball diamonds. The department has had, on several occasions, to contact the individual leagues to warn them of their behaviour. The Committee recognized the problem and agreed that there was a problem.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the two diamonds adjacent to the residential homes not be booked for adult softball.
- That the two ball diamonds adjacent to Flint be utilized for adult leagues.
- 3. That signs are posted at the two diamonds adjacent to the residences stating "No Adult Games".

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It was also agreed that the intent would be to eventually remove all adult teams off Viscount Alexander. We will also be asking the R.C.M.P. to patrol the area more frequently due to the fact that there is much alcohol consumption taking place. Both Mrs. Gregson and Mrs. Norris indicated that they were pleased with the recommendation; however, they wanted us to know that, should the problems continue as it has in the past, they will be back to the Parks & Recreation Committee demanding further action.

Item No. 2

Summer Games

Janna indicated that the submissions for the summer games had been extended until November 15th, 1985, and that, at the next Committee meeting, a report will be forthcoming as to the budget for the 1989/1990 Summer Games submission.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

M.R. Wright, Chairman

Janna Taylor, Secretary

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