

DATE: April 23, 1996

SUBJECT: TROUT LAKE FITNESS CENTRE

Recommendation:

THAT the Board restore an operating subsidy of \$11,100 to the Trout Lake Fitness Centre for 1996.

BACKGROUND:

During the April 1 meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation, presentations on the future of the Trout Lake Fitness Centre were made by Joel Tkach on behalf of the Grandview Community Association and Daphne Kelgard speaking for the Trout Lake Fitness Committee. Subsequently, the Board passed the following resolution:

THAT the Board defer any decision on the completion of the elimination of the Trout Lake subsidy pending a staff report back to the Board outlining the cost of the recommendations presented by the Fitness Centre Committee of the Grandview Community Centre Association for the Board's consideration.

The fitness committee recommended to the Board that:

- The operating hours of the Fitness Centre be restored to its previous level.
- That a thorough examination be done of the financial reporting, policy, and planning as they effect the publicly funded fitness facilities administered by the Board of Parks and Recreation.

DISCUSSION:

This report is recommending that the Board restore the funding level for the Fitness Centre that was in place for 1995. This will restor an operating subsidy of \$11,100 and will make it possible for the facility to be funded during 1996 at the same level as last year.

If this recommendation is approved, staff will take the following steps in response the second recommendation of the Fitness Committee:

1. A Fitness Management Plan Review Project will be established to examine policies, financing and planning of Fitness Centres. This project will be managed by the Recreation Division Management Team. Input and consultation will be sought from staff, community associations and other individuals and groups.

2. A Program Review Committee will be set up to undertake a thorough review of the programs and services provided by Fitness Centres. This committee will particularly focus on identifying new services and clients which may increase participation and revenue sources. The work of this committee will be coordinated by Peter Quevillon, the Board's Sport and Fitness Coordinator. Core members of the committee will include Fitness Programmers and interested community association representatives. The Grandview Community Association will be invited to name a member to this group. Other people, such as interested health care professionals will be invited to join.

The work of both groups should be completed by the end of October, 1996. This will enable any recommendations to be considered during the 1997 budget process.

3. The 1996 Proposed NNR Budget includes an item to install surveillance equipment in the Trout Lake Fitness Centre. The amount of this NNR is \$13,000. If the Board approves the inclusion of this item in the budget, the Association may, in consultation with staff, use this money to improve the facilities or equipment in any way that seems appropriate.

This action plan is consistent with the following motion passed by the Grandview Community Association on February 15, 1996.

The Park Board reject the proposal to continue the implementation of the Budget Reduction Program begun in 1994 for Trout Lake Fitness Centre of \$11,100 in order to allow the proposal for new revenues from non-traditional sources to be properly investigated: and that,

The Park Board institute a review of their approach to Park Board fitness programmes as set out in the Management Plan.

The Grandview Community Association reviewed the above noted action plan on April 18, and passed the following Motions:

That the Board forward a letter to Allan Argent endorsing/supporting the four strategies as outlined by the memo sent by Al Argent to the Grandview Community Centre Association dated April 18, 1996

That the Board endorse the Fitness Committee request that the \$13,000 proposed NNR, which was allocated for a surveillance camera be used instead for the installation of three windows in the east wall of the Cardio Court.

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