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TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: SAND VOLLEYBALL REVIEW

INFORMATION REPORT

A sand-volleyball stakeholders' meeting was held Wednesday, October 14th to review the activities of sand volleyball on Vancouver Beaches. Initially, staff intended to forward a report to the Board in November, however the participating stakeholders have requested an additional two months to consult with their organizations.

This stakeholders' meeting was conducted as outlined in the Park Board minutes of May 11, 1998. Key stakeholder groups were brought together to dialogue with each other about their impressions of the current and future issues related to sand volleyball. This meeting included representatives from the Kitsilano Residents Association, Kitsilano Community Centre, Point Grey Homeowners Association, the Vancouver Sport and Social Club, B.C. Volleyball Association and a representative of the Kitsilano Beach volleyball players.

The intent of this meeting was to engage in a dialogue around various perspectives and solutions regarding sand volleyball on Vancouver Beaches and to explore the positions of the various stakeholder groups. Former Sports Coordinator, Terry Walton, chaired the meeting. He reviewed the summer sand-volleyball activities at Kitsilano and Locarno beaches. The key issues that arose were:

- philosophic concerns around dedicating portions of the beach for a specific activity;
- questions concerning the number of current and proposed sand volleyball courts;
- how to reduce the dust resulting from sand volleyball.

This meeting concluded with the understanding that the representatives of the various stakeholder groups would return to their organizations to relate the information developed from this meeting. The various stakeholder groups will then respond in writing to Terry Walton with their preferred solutions. Based on these responses, a staff report will be prepared for the Park Board. Due to the range of views and perspectives on this topic, it is anticipated that this consultative process will take a few months. The report to the Board is anticipated to be completed by mid January. Stakeholders agreed with the January date as a reasonable time frame. This time frame allows for the implementation of any recommendations for the 1999 season of play

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