

COMMISSION REPORT

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: COVERED SPORTS BOX PROJECT**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** approval be given for a detailed geotechnical investigation of underground conditions in order to establish a cost framework for a covered sports box at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex.
2. **THAT** Council be requested to concur.

**REPORT****BACKGROUND**

On 2006 July 19, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission approved a recommendation to proceed with a plan to provide outdoor sports box facilities in each quadrant of the City. Following the approval of the plan, the Burnaby Heights box was decommissioned and the Jack Crosby lacrosse box was constructed at Riverway Sports Complex. Confederation and Cariboo Hill boxes were upgraded and the Richmond Park box was decommissioned to make way for the eventual redesign and reconstruction of Edmonds Park. The report also identified the need for a fourth lacrosse/sports box north of Highway #1.

The identification of a suitable site for a fourth sports box was deferred in order to allow time to develop a visioning concept for the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex which would take into consideration possible sports field additions, replacement of CG Brown Pool and the development of the site north of Joe Sakic Way. The visioning study investigated the ability to construct both built structures and landscape improvements in various locations based on expected soil conditions.

The visioning exercise was presented to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission and Council at a joint workshop on 2016 April 04. Coming out of the workshop, direction was given to staff to investigate two locations; the first in the parking lot west of Bill Copeland

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Arena and the second at north of Joe Sakic Way. In either of these locations Recreation staff from the arenas can manage booking, cleaning and security services required to enable operations in an efficient manner. The potential siting options also considered the:

- General understanding of potential soil and subsurface conditions;
- Recognition of future development plans for reconstruction of existing facilities in the Central Valley and the construction staging areas that will impact ongoing facility uses;
- The ability to begin construction works on lands available for work as soon as possible.

## CURRENT STATUS

The potential location of a covered sports box in the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex has been vetted through the visioning process and there is agreement that the siting of the facility in this location is consistent with the general intent of the vision plan, noting that the visioning exercise was intended to provide general information to inform decision makers on potential land use in the area.

The next step in the process will be to proceed with geotechnical work in order to provide detailed data from which to develop a cost projection for the project and facilitate a formal feasibility study through the Civic Projects division of the Building Department.

## SUMMARY

The potential siting for a covered sports box has been reviewed in light of the larger visioning study of the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. The study provided a general overview of underground site conditions. At this time it is recommended that Commission approve a more site specific geotechnical analysis at two locations in the area that are best suited to the construction of a sports box and that Council be requested to concur with this recommendation. Funds for the study have been approved and are available in DPX.0063.



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