

COMMISSION REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: OUTDOOR ICE SKATING AND TOBOGGANING

PURPOSE: To provide information on the outdoor skating and tobogganing policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

In 1979 and again in 1981, the Commission endorsed a policy not to encourage ice skating on Deer Lake, Burnaby Lake, Central Park ponds, Burnaby Mountain Golf Course ponds or tobogganing on Burnaby Mountain.

Skating is not recommended on the lakes and ponds due to the many potentially dangerous areas. Burnaby's lakes and ponds are fed by streams which are moving water, creating unstable ice conditions. The weather on the west coast rarely creates safe outdoor skating conditions. There needs to be long periods of below zero centigrade temperatures in order to freeze a significant layer of ice on the lakes. Staff do not monitor the condition of the ice. The steep slopes and many obstacles create unsafe tobogganing conditions on Burnaby Mountain.

The Commission continues to implement this policy of not encouraging the above mentioned activities. All appropriate signs were installed by 2017 November 10, and will remain posted until 2018 March 02.



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