

COMMISSION REPORT

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

**DATE:** 2021 April 01

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

**FILE:** 62500-01

**SUBJECT: RICHARD BOLTON PARK**

**PURPOSE:** To provide information on the advisability and feasibility of a spray park at Richard Bolton Park.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**REPORT****1.0 BACKGROUND**

At the Commission meeting of 2021 March 09, Commissioner Sasakamoose inquired about the advisability and feasibility of installing a spray park in Richard Bolton Park. The following report provides background on the intended locations of water play facilities in the City and the options for consideration of water play at Richard Bolton Park.

**2.0 POLICY SECTION**

The provision for water play facilities in Parks aligns with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following sub-goals of the plan:

**Goal**

- A Connected Community
  - Social connection
- An Inclusive Community
  - Create a sense of community

- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life
  - Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well being
- A Dynamic Community
  - City facility and infrastructure

### 3.0 DISCUSSION

The City of Burnaby has a hierarchy of “water play” facilities in the Park system, ranging from “spray features” to destination “spray parks”, and wading pools.

A “spray feature” is a single water play feature included within a park playground whereas “Spray parks” are typically 3,000 - 7,000 square feet in area with multiple water play elements and are located in destination parks. Spray parks are built as part of a collection of amenities that include playgrounds, washrooms, parking and sport fields, and they service a larger user demand than the surrounding neighborhood.

Currently in Burnaby we have the following types of water play:

#### ***Wading Pools:***

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| • McGill Park       | • Willingdon Heights Park |
| • George Green Park | • Brentwood Park          |
| • Cariboo Park      | • Ron McLean Park         |
| • Forest Glen Park  | • Wesburn Park            |
| • David Gray Park   |                           |

#### ***Spray Parks:***

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| • Confederation Park  | • Suncrest Park |
| • Charles Rummel Park | • Cameron Park  |
| • Edmonds Park        |                 |

#### ***Spray Features:***

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Central (Variety) Park | • Rene Memorial Park      |
| • Ernie Winch Park       | • Willingdon Heights Park |
| • Keswick Park           |                           |

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Additional locations for future spray parks were adopted by the Parks Commission in 2000. Those sites were:

- Barnet Marine Park
- Deer Lake Park
- Robert Burnaby Park
- Wesburn Park
- Willingdon Heights Park

#### **4.0 RICHARD BOLTON PARK WATER PLAY**

Under the adopted water play strategy, Richard Bolton Park would not be considered a suitable location for a destination “spray park”. The site is located in an isolated neighborhood with minimal park amenities due to its size. However this site could be considered as a location for the addition of a spray feature adjacent to the playground area.

The ability to place water play features within the park is restricted due to encumbrances placed on the park. The core area of the park is encumbered with two underground water supply reservoir tanks, water main lines and associated pumps (Attachment 1). The inclusion of this infrastructure was formally adopted through the SFU East Neighborhood Phase 3 Subdivision approval process and ensures long term water management facilities are available to the University Community.

Outside of the core area, where the playground is situated there are no conflicting underground encumbrances, and water and storm drain services can be tied into to facilitate the addition of spray features to the park (Attachment 2).

#### **5.0 SUMMARY**

Richard Bolton Neighborhood Park has not been identified as a site for a full spray park facility. With limited park space, and current underground encumbrances, the most feasible option for inclusion of water play features is west of the concrete ramp proximate to the playground area.



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Attachments