

## COMMISSION REPORT

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

**DATE:** 2021 Nov 01

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

**FILE:** 62000-00

**SUBJECT: OUTDOOR ICE SKATING AND TOBOGGANING**

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

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Commission receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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 will be installed by 2021 November 12, and will remain posted until 2022 March 07.

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## **2.0 POLICY SECTION**

The installation of signage aligns with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting and following the goals and sub-goals of the plan:

### **Goal**

- A Safe Community
  - Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive this report for information.



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Director Corporate Services  
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