

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: SPECIAL OUTDOOR EVENTS 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council approve up to 13 outdoor events at Deer Lake Park Festival Lawn between May 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023, two (2) at Central Park (Patterson and Central Boulevard) between May 1, 2023, and October 30, 2023, and up to 23 special events at Swangard Stadium between April 1, 2023, and November 1, 2023.

**REPORT**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, at its Open meeting held on March 14, 2023, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval for various outdoor events at specific locations.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal  
Chair

Commissioner R. Kent  
Deputy Chair

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

**DATE:** March 14 2023

**FROM:** DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

**FILE:** 66000-01

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL OUTDOOR EVENTS 2023**

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for outdoor events at specific locations.

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend Council approve up to 13 outdoor events at Deer Lake Park Festival Lawn between May 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023, 2 at Central Park (Patterson & Central Blvd) between May 1, 2023 and October 30, 2023, and up to 23 special events at Swangard Stadium between April 1, 2023 and November 1, 2023.

## **REPORT**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Outdoor parks and facilities continue to play an important role for special events and festivals at three signature venues in our community - Deer Lake Park Festival Lawn, Swangard Stadium and Central Park (Patterson & Central Blvd). Gatherings and special events have returned to full capacity since last summer. The concerts and festivals for Deer Lake Festival Lawn and Central Park and the special events at Swangard Stadium where amplified sound is involved are regulated by numbers and frequency. Regular scheduled events such as smaller gatherings and sporting matches occur year round as well.

This report is to seek approval for up to 13 outdoor events at Deer Lake Park Festival Lawn between May 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023, 2 at Central Park (Patterson & Central Blvd) between May 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023, and up to 23 special events at Swangard Stadium between April 1, 2023 and November 1, 2023 pending its maintenance schedule. This will include the City's annual Symphony in the Park, Opera in the Park, the Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival and up to 10 ticketed concerts hosted by outside organizers and /or community groups at the Deer Lake Festival Lawn location. The City's annual Streetfest Canada Day and Halloween/Fall celebration event will be

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held at Central Park and Central Boulevard. Swangard Stadium will host up to 23 special events including a variety of festivals and special events including Pumpkins after Dark. In addition, some consideration may need to be given for the Warner Loat Park location as part of the Halloween events program (Empty Chest). All events will operate up to 11:00pm.

This is similar to past practice and within the provisions of the relevant municipal bylaw (Burnaby Noise and Sound Abatement Bylaw #1979 Amendment No.12066; Section 2), specifically:

16B (1) The provisions of this Bylaw do not apply to concerts, festivals, sporting events, or other special events held in or at Deer Lake Park or Swangard Stadium that would otherwise contravene any of the provisions of this Bylaw if such events have been authorized by Council (BYLAW NO 12066).

(2) In authorizing the holding of events to which subsection (1) applies, Council may authorize the events

(a) generally by authorizing a maximum number of those events that may be held at either or both of Deer Lake Park and Swangard Stadium in a particular calendar year;

(b) specifically by the location, date, and description of the event.

Staff will continue to manage the venue locations professionally to ensure all events and festivals are well-organized and of high quality and standards.

## **2.0 POLICY SECTION**

Approval of the recommendations in this report is aligned with the following Council-adopted policies, plans and strategies; *Burnaby Economic Development Strategy* (2007); *Social Sustainability Strategy* (2011), and the *Corporate Strategic Plan* (2017).

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### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Commission support is requested at this time for the 2023 outdoor events season and it is recommended that this report be advanced to Council for approval.



Carmen Gonzalez  
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