

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: CORPORATE OFFICER
SUBJECT: **PETITION: REQUESTING AEDS FOR BURNABY OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**
PURPOSE: To provide Council with a certified petition from the Corporate Officer from Ben Rohu requesting the automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed at Burnaby sports fields.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the petition titled “Petition for AEDs for Burnaby Outdoor Sports Facilities” from Ben Rohu, received by the City of Burnaby on February 20, 2024 and published on the February 26, 2024 Council agenda, be received for information.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Section 82 of the *Community Charter* states a petition to a Council is deemed to be presented to Council when it is filed with the Corporate Officer; and a petition to a Council must include the full name and residential address of each petitioner.

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)* requires those who wish to have their name on public record consent to the disclosure, which is achieved with a notice disclaimer on each petition page.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition is a way for residents and other community members to share concerns or issues with Council or advisory bodies.

A petition request must:

- be addressed to Council or a committee
- contain the printed full names and residential addresses of the petitioners
- be received by the Corporate Officer by Tuesday, noon, before the Council or committee meeting
- be legible and use respectful language
- each page of the petition must:
 - state the matter they are supporting or opposing
 - contain a privacy disclosure statement

Once a petition is received by the Corporate Officer, the petition is submitted to Council for consideration at the next Open Council meeting under the correspondence section of the agenda.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Ben Rohu submitted a petition containing 199 signatures seeking Council's support to provide automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at Burnaby sports fields, i.e. in locked equipment boxes. The petition stated that most outdoor sporting events and training takes place after business hours or at the weekends when there is no access to the public buildings where these life saving devices are held. Research has shown that using a defibrillator within 3 – 5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50-70%.

In addition, letters of support were received from BC Children's Hospital, BC Soccer Association, Burnaby Football Club and South Burnaby Metro Club.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Further details about the City's petition process are on the City's website under Meetings & Public Hearings / Petition Process.

5.0 CERTIFICATION OF THE PETITION

On February 20, 2024, the Deputy Corporate Officer received a Petition from Ben Rohu seeking that AEDs be placed at Burnaby sports fields. The Deputy Corporate Officer certified that the petition meets all requirements as per the *Community Charter* s. 82 and contains 199 names.

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services (Corporate Officer)

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Letter from Ben Rohu introducing the Petition
- Attachment 2 - Petition for AEDs for Burnaby Outdoor Sports Facilities - February 20, 2024
- Attachment 3 – Letter from BC Children's Hospital
- Attachment 4 – Letter from BC Soccer Association
- Attachment 5 – Letter from Burnaby Football Club
- Attachment 6 – Letter from South Burnaby Metro Club

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