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Mayor and Council - City Of Burnaby  
c/o Legislative Services  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Hurley and Council,

I am writing to you today to request the allocation of funds to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for locked equipment boxes on our Burnaby Sports fields.

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From my research, there are AEDs in most Burnaby high schools, except for Burnaby South and Byrne Creek. I have contacted the Burnaby School District in relation to this matter. As you are aware the City of Burnaby houses AEDs in public buildings. The issue is that they are not accessible after hours or at weekends when most sporting events take place. None of the soccer clubs using City of Burnaby sports fields that I have contacted have an AED at their home turf. Research has shown that using a defibrillator within 3–5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50–70%. The flip side is that without this life-saving device, there is little chance of survival.

My idea is that AEDs could be placed securely in locked equipment boxes on each City of Burnaby sports field. For security, only the home team coaching staff and managers would have access. The Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation states that 'each year, an estimated 35,000 cardiac arrests occur in Canada. The vast majority happen in public places or at home, and few people survive. But survival rates double if someone performs CPR and uses an automated

external defibrillator (AED).’ I am counting on the City of Burnaby’s support to ensure this relatively small investment will provide vital life-saving devices. It would be far better to set these measures in place now before there is a preventable tragedy in our local community.

Sincerely,

Ben Rohu

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