



City of Burnaby
Sports and Outdoor Recreation

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RE: Letter In Support of AEDs and Added Safety Measures at Fields in Burnaby

Burnaby Football Club is committed to providing its members with a safe playing environment.

With more than 3,200 members playing across Burnaby throughout the year, including eight adult teams comprising close to 200 players, BFC supports an initiative to add more AEDs (automated external defibrillators) to be placed at Burnaby outdoor sports fields.

With most (if not all) AEDs stored in public buildings which are not open during after-hours or weekends when the fields are most often in use, our members are at risk of not having access to potential life-savings devices.

Burnaby FC is open to the possibility of providing its head coaches access (keys or codes) to dedicated locked equipment boxes at City of Burnaby sports field where the AEDs could be stored. Alternatively, we would be open to storing these AEDs at our existing equipment/storage units which could then be accessible during BFC games and training sessions.

We have met with City representatives during the past year and begun discussions around adding QR scans at Burnaby fields which would provide immediate access to the closest AED as well as detailed Emergency Action Plans. The recent adoption of an EAP for Burnaby Lake West by Sports and Outdoor Recreation staff was well received.

Burnaby FC welcomes further involvement and cooperation in finding ways to make our games and sessions safer for not only our members but all users.

Respectfully,

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