



SOUTH BURNABY

METRO CLUB

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ATTACHMENT 6

Mayor and City Council
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the South Burnaby Metro Club (SBMC) Soccer, we are writing to express our strong support for the petition initiated by one of our former players, Ben Rohu, regarding the placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at outdoor sports fields in Burnaby.

As an organization that values the health and safety of our players, coaches, and spectators, we believe that having accessible AEDs on sports fields is a critical measure that can save lives in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. The presence of these devices can significantly increase the chances of survival, especially when used within the crucial first few minutes of collapse.

We understand that the City of Burnaby currently houses AEDs in public buildings, but their accessibility is limited after hours and on weekends, which is when most sporting events and training sessions occur. We support Ben's proposal to securely place AEDs in locked equipment boxes on each sports field, with access limited to the home team's coaching staff and managers for security purposes.

The Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation's statement that survival rates double if someone performs CPR and uses an AED underscores the importance of this initiative. We believe that making this small investment in AEDs for our sports fields can prevent potential tragedies and provide a safer environment for everyone involved in outdoor sports activities in Burnaby.

We urge the City of Burnaby to consider this proposal seriously and take prompt action to implement this life-saving measure. SBMC Soccer is committed to supporting this initiative and ensuring the safety of our players.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your positive response and the implementation of AEDs at Burnaby's outdoor sports fields.

Sincerely,

Bob Ferris
SBMC-Soccer Co-Chairman
South Burnaby Metro Club Soccer