

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

TO: *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: JACK CROSBY SPORTS BOX OFFICIAL OPENING PLAQUE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the language for the plaque to be installed at Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway, as outlined in section 3 of the report titled “Jack Crosby Sports Box Official Opening Plaque”, dated April 7, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be approved.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on April 7, 2025, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval for the wording and content for the significantly renovated building plaque to be installed as part of the opening of Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of
Council,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (ECC)
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER LANDS AND FACILITIES
SUBJECT: **JACK CROSBY SPORTS BOX OFFICIAL OPENING PLAQUE**
PURPOSE: To obtain approval for the wording and content for the significantly renovated building plaque to be installed as part of the opening of Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway.

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1.0 POLICY SECTION

Official Opening plaques are installed in facilities to commemorate the official re-opening of a facility that has undergone substantial renovations or significant additions. They recognize the Council's leadership in enhancing citizens' quality of life through major infrastructure developments and acknowledge funding partnerships and contributions from various partners, including other levels of government.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Section 2.4 of the Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee of Council require the Committee to review and recommend to Council the wording and content for commemorative plaques that are to be installed in parks, civic buildings and facilities.

On January 22, 2008, at the age of 66, Jack Crosby, Burnaby's “Mr. Lacrosse”, passed away. In recognition of the contribution Jack Crosby made to community sport in Burnaby, especially the development of the sport of lacrosse, the Parks, Names and Signs Committee recommend to Commission that the new outdoor box lacrosse facility at Riverway Sports Complex be named “Jack Crosby Memorial Lacrosse Box”. A dedication ceremony was scheduled for late spring 2008 at the Riverway Sport Complex and the plaque went missing. This report presents the text for the grand opening plaque and dedication plaque at Riverway Sports Complex.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The newly renovated Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway was open to the public on April 22, 2024, and the grand re-opening originally planned for fall 2024 but was

postponed to better align with the Lacrosse community's schedule and availability to participate. The grand re-opening ribbon cutting and photo opportunity event will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway located at 8605 Nelson Ave, Burnaby.

3.1 Official Opening Plaque

CITY OF BURNABY
JACK CROSBY SPORTS BOX
Officially opened May 3, 2025

Dedicated to Jack Crosby, a Burnaby lacrosse pioneer,
in recognition of his outstanding leadership
and impact on the sport and our community.

Mayor

Mike Hurley

Councillors

Pietro Calendino	Richard T. Lee
Sav Dhaliwal	Maita Santiago
Alison Gu	Daniel Tetrault
Joe Keithley	James Wang

Chief Administrative Officer

Leon A. Gous

Architect

Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects

Contractor

Holaco Construction

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Upon Council approval, City staff will work on designing the plaque for the Jack Crosby Sports Box. A temporary plaque will be at the celebratory ribbon cutting and photo opportunity on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:00am that will celebrate the completion of the Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway project. Burnaby City Council, the Crosby family representative, Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Club, staff, and the media will be in attendance. The event is located at 8605 Nelson Ave, Burnaby.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for Jack Crosby Sport Box at Riverway project was included in the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan under WBS element DPW.0399 (\$3,651,900.00).

Respectfully submitted,

James Lota, General Manager of Lands and Facilities

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Jack Crosby Sports Box Plaque

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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