



To: Richmond City Council Date: May 15, 2007
 From: Wayne G. Mercer File: 12-8060-20-8254/Vol 01
 Manager, Community Bylaws
 Re: **Prohibition of Smoking on Artificial Turf Sports Fields**
Amendment to Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989

Staff Recommendation

1. THAT the following amendment bylaw to Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989 be given first, second and third readings:
 - a. Amendment Bylaw No 8254, which amends Public Health Protection Bylaw No 6989; and
2. THAT the cost of adding a part-time auxiliary position for enforcement be funded from the 2007 contingency and included in the 2008 additional levels.

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Parks Design, Construction & Programs	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>			
Budgets	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>			
REVIEWED BY TAG	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED BY CAO	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Staff Report

Origin

On May 14, 2007, Richmond City Council passed the following resolution:

That staff bring a bylaw to Council as soon as possible to prohibit smoking at Richmond's artificial turf sports fields.

Analysis

The City of Richmond has invested 5.1 million dollars into the development and installation of the five artificial turf fields located at Hugh Boyd Park, Richmond High School and Minoru Park so that patrons can enjoy outdoor recreational facilities throughout the year, regardless of the weather. When cigarette ash or lit cigarettes are dropped onto the turf, they can burn or entangle the fibres. The size of the damage is small and similar to a burn in a household carpet. However, repairs require the services of an artificial turf supplier who must cut out the damaged section, sew in a new piece of artificial turf, and then top dress it with a combination of sand and rubber particles. Small repairs may cost upwards of \$1,000 per incident.

Smoking and other tobacco use on artificial turf fields can result in expensive damages to the fields. Prohibiting smoking on these fields will attempt to reduce the amount of damage and the subsequent cost born by the City for repairs.

The City will require that permit holders comply with this bylaw and failure to comply will result in the permits being revoked.

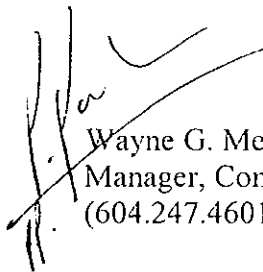
Financial Impact

Additional resources will be needed to conduct patrols of the artificial turf fields in Richmond. It is anticipated that funding for seasonally adjusted patrols on a weekly basis would allow for random, regular patrols of the fields by Bylaw Enforcement staff. The staff from Richmond Health, who normally enforce sections of the City's Health Protection Bylaw are only available from 9 to 5, Monday to Friday. The majority of the use of these fields is during the evening hours and on weekends. The annual estimated expense budget for this targeted enforcement would be \$18,000 for a part-time auxiliary position.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that:

- the Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989 be amended through the enactment of Health Protection Amendment Bylaw No. 8254; and
- that the cost of adding a part-time auxiliary position for enforcement be funded from the 2007 contingency and included in the 2008 additional levels.



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Public Health Protection Amendment Bylaw No. 8254

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. The *Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989* is amended at Part 6 by adding the following Part after section 6.2.6:

PART 6.3 RECREATIONAL AREA REGULATIONS

6.3.1 No person shall light a cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking equipment, **smoke**, or use tobacco in any other manner, on or within 10 metres of an area of **public land** described in Schedule B.

2. The *Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989* is amended by adding Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
3. This Bylaw is cited as "**Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989 Amendment Bylaw No. 8254**".

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

MINISTER OF HEALTH APPROVAL

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept.
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Schedule B to Bylaw 6989

Smoking Prohibited Recreational Areas

1. Artificial turf fields on public land at the following locations:
 - (a) Minoru Park
In the southwest corner of Lot A Sec 8 Blk4N RG6W PL LMP5323 bordered approximately by Granville Avenue to the south, Minoru Pavilion to the east, La Trace Field to the north and Richmond Fire Hall No 1 to the west
 - (b) Hugh Boyd Park
In the northern half of Lot 4 Sec 26 Blk4N RG7W PL24055 bordered approximately by Hugh Boyd High School to the south, the property to the east, Frances Road to the north, and No 1 Road to the west.