

Subject: Notice of Motion - re-reimburse members of the North Van Curlers who are residents of the District and or the City

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Motion - Report Councillor Crist

That the North Vancouver Recreation Commission be requested to reimburse all members of the North Shore Winter Club who are residents of either the City and/or the District of North Vancouver, for an amount equivalent to the surcharge they have to pay to the North Shore Winter Club to replace a condenser and associated repairs or maintenance expenses which is a charge over and above normal fees which residents of the City and/or the District, who were members of the North Vancouver Curling Club operating out of the Lonsdale Ice Rink, would NOT have to pay if they had not been evicted by the North Vancouver Recreation Commission to make room for a private club, as was the case when they had to vacate the Lonsdale facility since such expenses are paid from taxes.

Rationale:


It has recently come to light that one time members of the North Vancouver Curling club, who are residents of the City and the District many of whom are seniors on limited income, in addition to their regular curling fees will have to pay a surcharge to cover the cost of a condenser needed by the Winter Club.

Some years ago the North Vancouver Curlers, a long standing club operating out of the Lonsdale Rec facility, were informed that the Rec Commission could no longer accommodate them since the Commission would be turning the Lonsdale Rec Facility over to a private club.

However, the members of the curling club, who subsequently had to go to the North Vancouver Winter Club, but who are also residents of the City and the District, would not have to pay for the replacement of an improvement and/or repairs directly if they were still operating out of a public recreation facilities such as the Lonsdale facility had they not been evicted by the Commission since such costs for repairs are paid out of capital funding from City and District taxes without applying such a surcharge.

All City and District residents pay for the upkeep of North Vancouver Recreation facilities out of taxes. This means that if they have to pay over and above the regular fees, for such expenses they are, in fact, paying twice or are at least being discriminated against by virtue of the fact that they were evicted by the Commission from the Lonsdale facility where they would not have to pay such a surcharge.

In light of this, it behooves the Commission to re-reimburse all those member of the Curling Club currently using the Winter Club, who are residents of either the City or the District, for the amount they have to pay to the Winter Club

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