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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	June 14, 2002
FROM:	City Manager	FILE:	6140-20/C
SUBJECT:	Canada Cup Futures Event at Cloverdale Athletic Park		

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that Council provide \$3,900 from the Council Initiatives Budget to cover user fees and additional requested services for the new *Canada Cup Futures Tournament* being held July 15-21, 2002, at Cloverdale Athletic Park.

BACKGROUND

For a number of years, Softball City at South Surrey Athletic Park has hosted the prestigious *Canada Cup International Women's Fastpitch Tournament*. This very successful event brings athletes and their supporters to Surrey from around the world. In 2002, the Canada Cup organizers have added a **Futures** component to the tournament, to be run July 15 – 21. This will provide opportunities for young athletes to develop their skills by bringing top teams together for high-calibre competition. Cloverdale Athletic Park is the venue for the Futures event.

At its June 5, 2002 meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission granted the Canada Cup organizers the right to charge admission for entry to the event. However, the Commission did not waive the User Fees for use of the park; these fees are \$910, based on the mix of youth (17 and under) and adults expected to participate in the tournament.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is assisting by funding and carrying out lasting improvements at Cloverdale Athletic Park that will make bring the ball diamonds up to world-class condition. These improvements include:

- supply of extra materials for the public washrooms
- significant renovations to the ball diamonds
- floating of the fields

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- provision of service prior to and during the event

The value of these services has been estimated at \$3,040, which is in addition to the traditional support for the main tournament event at Softball City, which averages \$4,000 annually.

DISCUSSION

The Canada Cup organizers have requested additional services that will not provide a lasting benefit to Cloverdale Athletic Park, but are of a short-term nature specific to the event. These services include:

- grass cutting every second day
- supply of additional bleachers
- supply of additional refuse containers
- installing temporary electrical connections
- installing portable home-run fencing

This work is valued at approximately \$2,990, and has not been budgeted for by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. In discussing this issue at its meeting, the Commission suggested that it would not be appropriate for the Commission to authorize funding for these items, as it does not provide funding for other non-profit organizations hosting tournaments in City parks, nor does it typically waive fees for tournaments. The Commission strives for consistency in application of its policies.

However, in the future staff will undertake appropriate discussions with a view to broadly examine the overall “Softball City Contractual Arrangements” to ensure that all the City's interests and obligations are well served.

As City Council has provided support for other events such as the PGA Air Canada Championship, staff suggests that Council consider funding in the amount of \$3,900 from its Council Initiatives budget.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that Council support the new *Canada Cup Futures Tournament* being held July 15-21, 2002, at the Cloverdale Athletic Park by providing funding of \$3,900 from the Council Initiatives Fund to supplement the support already provided by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.

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