



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Administration Office

March 1, 2018

Dear Team Representative:

SUBJECT: ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN BURNABY PARKS

A concerted effort has been made to curtail the consumption of alcohol in City facilities and on park sites. Drinking in public spaces is not permitted for a number of reasons:

- it is an illegal activity
- it sets an inappropriate example for younger players and children sharing the facilities
- concerns have been brought forward regarding behaviour contrary to the City of Burnaby's Code of Conduct.

Most leagues have been very cooperative; however, problems still arise from time to time.

The City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission are supportive of staff efforts to eliminate alcohol consumption in our facilities and have requested that all leagues and teams understand the expectations.

Leagues will be issued a written warning from staff if their team members are found drinking on City of Burnaby park sites, changing facilities or parking lots. If this behaviour continues, the team and the league they are registered with will have their allotments permanently cancelled and re-allocated to other groups. The above rules also apply to spectators and visiting teams. Teams are responsible for their fans and the same consequences will apply if their fans are drinking at City facilities. As the team representative of your league/team, you are responsible for ensuring that both home and visiting teams, players and fans in your league are aware of Burnaby's rules, and that they are in compliance. Please sign this letter and return it to our office acknowledging you are aware of the consequences regarding alcohol consumption in Burnaby facilities.

Attached, for your convenience, is a letter to forward to all your teams to ensure they are aware of the rules. Also enclosed is a copy of page 4, from the City's *Information to Sportsfield User Groups* outlining our policy.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Please contact Jill Porter, Supervisor of Sports and Outdoor Recreation at (604)-294-7385 if you have any questions.