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CITY OF CALGARY

PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERIES DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT - 1960

To His Worship Mayor H. Hays, and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Please find here, respectfully submitted, the Annual Report for the year Nineteen Hundred and Sixty, of the Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department.

From the administrative point of view, the most significant event was a complete re-organization of the Department from the foreman level up. The fruits of this work can readily be demonstrated by the following facts:

The Department expended a total of \$602,238.00 for capital works during the years 1959 and 1960. Of this amount, \$276,694.00 represented land development costs for approximately 100 acres of new park land. In spite of this increase, our Parks Maintenance Wage Bill which had been \$229,839.00 in 1959 was only increased to \$234,241.00 for the year 1960. This increase also included a general raise of wages. This 1960 actual expenditure was some \$20,000.00 below the budget estimate, and there was an actual reduction in man hours worked in 1960 compared with 1959.

The re-organization effected two major phases of operation.

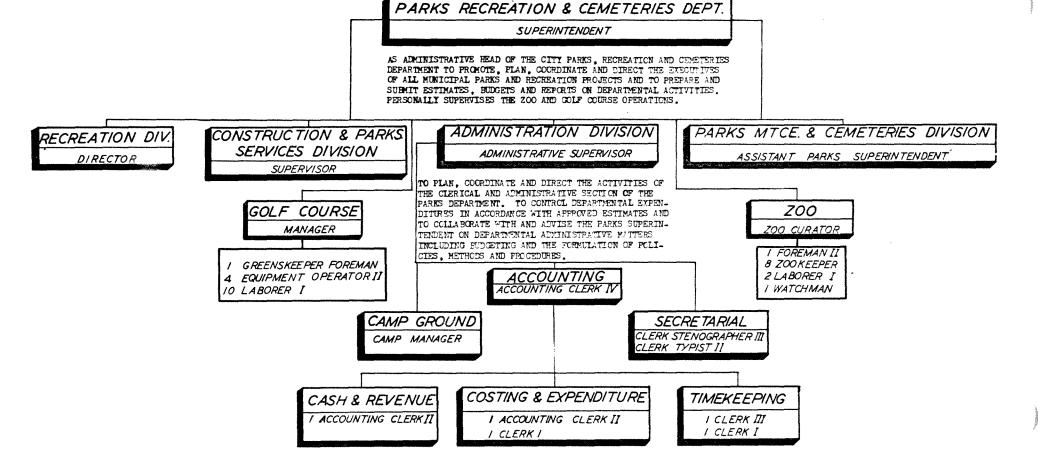
- A. FOREMEN SYSTEM A smaller number, but larger areas of supervision were created for the Parks District Foremen, and where possible, a gang form of operation was introduced for park maintenance to replace the individual man per park system.
- B. ADMINISTRATION ADJUSTMENTS At the administrative level, the position of Horticulturist which became vacant was not filled, the Assistant Superintendent was given direct responsibility for the parks maintenance and cemetery operations in addition to his assisting duties, the position of Director of Recreation had the responsibilities of Mechanical and Shops Division removed and a new Director was appointed, the Mechanical Shop, Water Service and Building Maintenance, and the Parks Construction units were grouped together to form a new division.

Changes such as these can only smoothly take place when a spirit of sincerity and co-operation exist in every member of a department's staff and, in making this report, I wish to express my appreciation for this spirit to the employees of this Department. Detailed reports of their activities are respectfully presented in the following pages.

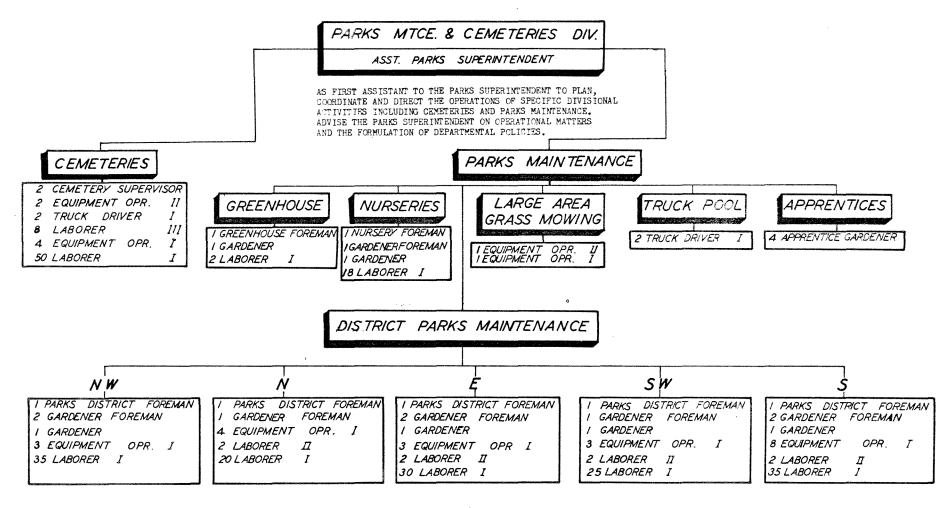
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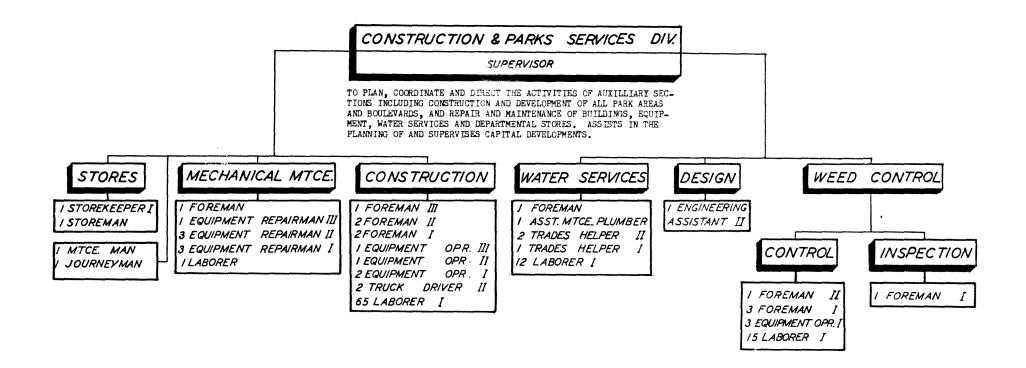
H. Boothman, Superintendent,

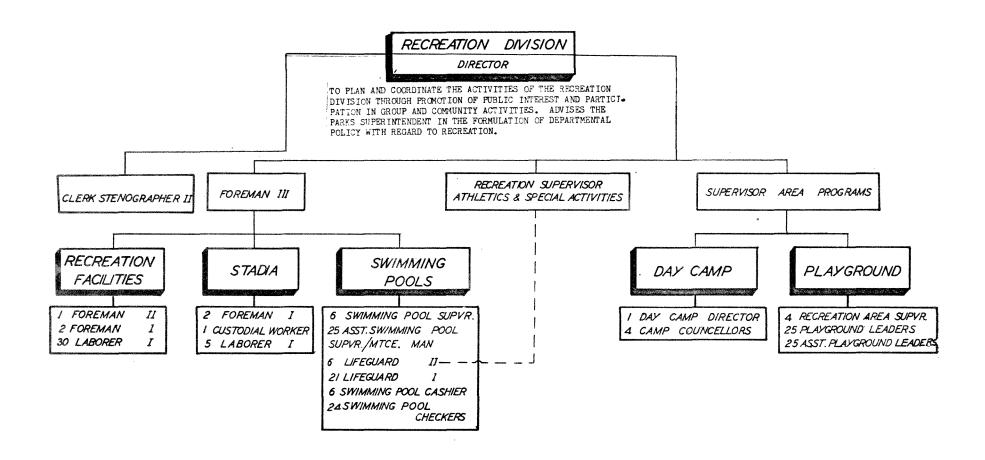
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PARKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION - MR. S. H. DAINES, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

SPRING - The climatic conditions experienced in Calgary produced practically no spring season. The result being that during the three week period from the frost leaving the ground (approximately 15 May) and full summer conditions (approximately 10 June) a most intensive operation was carried out by the Maintenance Division, as may be noted by the following facts:

Trees planted in Parks
3,040 - (Does not include boulevard trees)

Shrubs planted in Parks
Perennial Plants
2,870

Summer Bedding Plants
150,000

Temporary employees absorbed into the Maintenance Division during this period totalled 178.

SUMMER - Of the μ,μ 00 acres of land set aside for parks and playgrounds, $\overline{830}$ are now developed and require turf maintenance. The majority of these areas have irrigation systems and the condition of the grass during 1960 was very good.

We have no means of assessing park patronage, other than to note the continual demand for more facilities, such as ball diamonds and picnicing areas which is ever increasing in spite of continual development. If the amount of litter is an indication of use, we unfortunately have much evidence.

The large parks, such as St. George's Island and Riley Park, proved to be our most successful and further indicates that moneys expended on large areas gives the most valuable return.

WINTER - Tree removal and pruning is reserved for the winter months, at which time the permanent personnel of the Parks Maintenance Division are grouped into tree pruning crews.

Two crews worked continually on wire and street-light-clearing for the City's Electric Light Department. The personnel of these crews were given a most thorough training and instruction related to the hazards of electrical work.

The increased street tree planting of the last three years in which approximately six thousand trees and shrubs have been placed on city streets, is now providing a considerable amount of young tree training work which is also carried out during the winter.

CEMETERIES

QUEEN'S PARK - The overall appearance of this cemetery during 1960 was favourably commented upon, which was partly due to the cool weather experienced through most of the season, thus, making the floral displays of longer duration.

Road paving started in 1959 was completed, and paving of the turn-a-bout in front of the chapel was also done. Further fencing was carried out which has now resulted in the cemetery being completely fenced on the north and west sides. There were 409 monument foundations installed during the year. It is hoped to be able to plant a border of spruce trees along the north side of the cemetery to provide some screening between the cemetery and the homes on 40 Avenue N. W.

Several specimen trees were purchased and placed on grave plots by lot owners, and these will eventually improve the appearance of the Cemetery.

Total burials during the year were divided as follows: Stillbirths - 126; Indigents - 51; Private Non-Care - 13; Perpetual Care - 755; Total Burials - 945.

UNION CEMETERY - This Cemetery was maintained in good order throughout the season. Fencing was completed to the north east corner for a distance of 540 feet. Remodelling of the interior of the office building to accommodate the Assistant Superintendent and Construction Supervisor was carried out, resulting in a very much improved interior. A parking area was created on the south side of the building. The old records from the office building were transferred to the basement of the vault and stored on shelves.

Total burials for the year were 133.

BURNSLAND CEMETERY - The general appearance of this cemetery was quite good throughout the year with the beds and borders standing up well. The road at the south end was eliminated and the area loamed and seeded and laid out into grave lots. It was decided to allow the R.C.M.P. Veteran's Association to have 50 lots at this location. The poppy beds in the vets section were renovated, and a section of old border built up and replanted with trees and shrubs.

Total burials for the year were 281.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY - All necessary maintenance work was carried out in this cemetery throughout the year, including the old section. Two new blocks were laid out and the markers placed. A new road was put in providing an exit farther along the east side from the main entrance which will facilitate operations in many ways.

Burials for the year totalled 222.

CHINESE CEMETERY - The work of maintaining this cemetery in a satisfactory condition was carried out and included the treatment of the area for the control of dandelions. The extension of the ornamental fence was completed and the fence painted.

Burials for the year totalled 36.

Total burials in all Cemeteries was 1,617.



PACKAGING YOUNG SPRUCE TREES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GRADE 3 SCHOOL CHILDREN

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES DIVISION - W. GARNETT, SUPERVISOR

With the re-organization of the Department, this new Division was established to carry out the planning and implementation of the Department's Capital Works Program and to co-ordinate the various service units of the Department which includes the Mechanical Shop, Plumbing and Water Service Unit, Building Maintenance and Stores Sections.

The staff for these operations was appointed from within the personnel of the Department with the transfer of the Director of Recreation to the position of Supervisor, and the section heads being Mr. C. Rouleau, Construction General Foreman; Mr. S. Jonathon, Foreman, Water Services Unit; Mr. O. E. Forster, Mechanical Shop Foreman; Mr. C. Rodd, Chief Store Keeper.

CONSTRUCTION SECTION - The principle activities of this section are Park Design, Landscaping and Construction, Boulevard Tree Planting, Weed Control, Fencing and Special Projects.

Some forty-seven areas received landscape treatments, including the completion of ten community recreation park areas, numerous small decorative parks, and the continuation of such major parks as Stanley Park, River Park, and the Pearce Estate Park.

The year 1960 will be marked as the first development year of the 1,710 acres of Glenmore Park. The main emphasis being placed on accessibility roads, and the preparation of picnic sites, much of this work being done as a Winter Works Project.

A further major park development was the preparation of five senior size baseball fields. These diamonds were desperately needed by the city's teenage baseball leagues.

In addition to park landscaping, a considerable amount of work was undertaken for other city departments. These include such major projects as the loaming and seeding of river dykes from St. George's Island to Centre Street Bridge, the grassing of the Alyth Overpass approaches, and the 6 Street cut, and numerous other traffic dividers and boulevards, four Electric Light substations, the New D. P. C. Parkade, and the new Children's Aid Shelter were amongst the buildings grounds that were landscaped by the Department.

The Department tendered for its top soil requirements for the first time in 1960, and a conservative estimate is that a saving of twenty cents per yard was made on the 30,000 cubic yards purchased.

TREE PLANTING - More than thirty-four miles of street boulevards were planted during the three weeks that were favourable to planting.

Due to the fact that the Department is now initiating the planting program rather than petitions and by-laws, a far more systematic planting program is being carried out.

WEED CONTROL - Three crews were employed from May until October in an effort to control the noxious weeds and attending to the complaints arising from the weed growth on city and private properties. A new spraying machine was purchased which was a great success in controlling the weeds on the highways and large open areas, and lanes. Undeveloped Public Reserve areas, flight paths of air ports and reserved green belts are controlled by using hammer type mowers which can withstand the abuse of working in rough undeveloped areas.

Complaints regarding weeds on privately owned property were investigated and dealt with under provisions of the City Weed Bylaw and numbered 392. The total amount charged to 31 property owners for eliminating weeds on their lands totalled \$1,479.01--of this amount, \$378.41 was paid. The unpaid balance will be assessed against the properties involved in taxes due.

In connection with the problem of dealing with private offenders who fail to control weeds, it would be desirable to have preauthority to take the necessary action to eliminate the weeds if the offender has not taken any remedial action during the 72 hours allowed in the bylaw. As weeds have a habit of growing rapidly and seeding, it is essential that the quickest action possible be taken.

It is hoped that perhaps the Byalw may be amended to provide this arrangement.

BUILDINGS AND FENCING - The crews used in weed control also undertake the erection and repairs of fencing during the early spring and fall. More than two miles of fencing was erected, two styles being used, chain link and four-by-four post and cable. The policy of the Department is to erect chain link only on major thoroughfares, transit routes or special danger areas, with post and cable type on lanes and residential streets.

New Buildings erected during the year include the Bridgeland Swimming Pool; a residence at the Glenmore Nursery; rest rooms at St. Patrick's Island Camp Grounds; and the Pearce Estate. Under the winter works program, a new glass house, potting shed, and lunch room was added to the city's glass houses.

Major building maintenance projects were carried out at the Zoo and in Union Cemetery. Standard maintenance was carried out on the Department's other building with a considerable amount of redecorating being done in the swimming pools and residences.

PLUMBING SECTION - This section comprised of seven permanent employees, who, in addition to park work, do the plumbing maintenance in all the city buildings in the Manchester area, the electrical substations, Garages and Engineers district headquarters.

The immediate departmental work include the technical equipment in the Swimming Pools, artificial ice rink and the greenhouses. Allthe motors and special equipment with their controls at the Zoological Society properties are also maintained by this crew, two of whom specialize in electrical controls.

The winter conditions require the draining of the park water services to avoid damage to lines, this work takes the entire staff one month in the fall of the year while the spring turn on and repairs to winter vandalism need six weeks to complete.

In the newly constructed park areas, thirty thousand feet of water service was installed being a combination of underground sprinkler systems, and normal valve outlets in smaller areas.

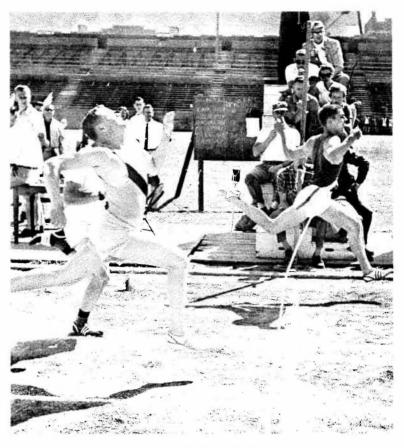
Some ten thousand feet of pipe was replaced in the older park and golf course water lines.

REPAIR SHOP - This unit is one of the busiest sections of the Department and is responsible for the maintenance of the fleet of six farm type tractors, two backhoes, cat tractor, and 69 other units of motorized equipment operated within the department. The shop also repairs all air cooled motors for other city departments including the school board and hospital.

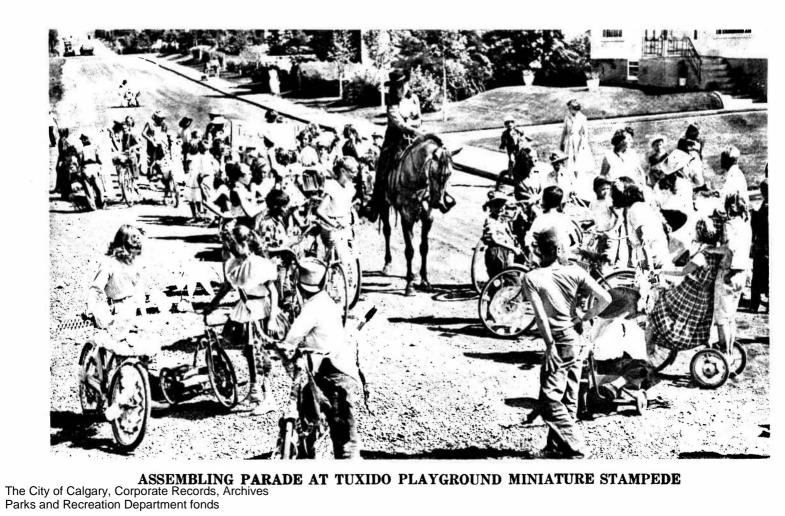
The fleet was added to by the aquisition of a new 150 gallon weed spraying unit, a thirty five H. P. Ferguson Tractor, two Gravely tractors, a Gyromower with rotary mowers and attachments during 1960.



FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DAY CAMP



TRACK MEET ACTIVITY



RECREATION DIVISION - R. C. RATHIE, DIRECTOR

This, the 15th Annual Report of the Recreation Division, records a number of operational changes and summarizes the activities of the Division for the year.

Nineteen hundred and sixty witnessed the separation of the Mechanical and Recreational function of the Division and resulted in the Recreation Division being without the services of a Director from the end of February until the beginning of September when a new appointment was made.

For operational purposes, the Recreation Division program may be divided into the following categories:

- 1. Playground Activities
- 2. Day Camping
- 3. Recreation Centres Activities
- 4. Athletic Activities
- 5. Special Events
- 6. Assistance to Other Organizations
- 7. Provision of Recreation Facilities

This report will describe the operation of these various categories and will show the extent of the services provided in each category. Owing to the changes that took place during the year, it is felt that statistical comparisons would be invalidated. Accordingly, no such comparisons have been made.

1. Playground Activities (July and August - 8 Weeks)

In 1960, 22 playgrounds were operated with a total attendance of 81,380. Participation figures (which show the total participation in the various activities) were 162,374.

Playgrounds' programs were conducted from 1:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. and from 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, and included the following activities:

Fastball Track and Field Picnics and Hikes
Basketball Swimming Educational Tours
Volleyball Handicrafts Special Events Stampedes and
Circuses

2. Day Camping

The day camp program attempts to provide a real camping experience for children 8 to 14 years of age who do not have the opportunity to attend a resident camp.

A maximum of 50 children attend each five day session, Monday through Friday. Six sessions were held at the Prince's Island site in 1960, with a maximum attendance at each.

The activities, which include one sleep-out, provide training in outdoor living and include swimming, archery, pony riding, trail laying, treasure hunts, camp craft, nature study, food preparation, fire prevention, use and care of knives and hatchets, compass, knots, camp fire programs, camp games and rainy-day activities. Tents were provided in case of rain.

The cost to the child was \$1.75, which covered insurance, milk for lunches, and food for the sleep-out. Each child brought his lunch each day and provided his own blankets or sleeping bag for the sleep-out.

3. Recreation Centre Activities

Recreation Centres were conducted in 25 schools from January to May and October to December, under the supervision of 5 Area Supervisors. Centres operate one night weekly at each location. Total attendance was 106,926. Total participation (cumulative total of activities) was 145,346.

Children's and youths' activities included:

Group Games	Table Tennis	Jewelry Making	Floral Craft
Tumbling	Baton Twirling	Good Grooming	Model Building
Wrestling	Judo	First Aid	Copper Craft
Basketball	Badminton	Small Crafts	Art
Volleyball	Folk Dancing	Sewing and	Leather Craft
		Dressmaking	

Adult activities included:

Ladies Keep Trim Volleyball Bridge Floral Craft

Adult activities continued:

Men's Conditioning	Basketball	Millinery	Sewing and
Judo	Golf	Coppercraft	Dressmaking
Gymnastics	Defendo	Oil Paint-	Jewelry Making
Table Tennis	Square-	ing	English Smock-
Badminton	Dancing	Mossaics	ing

4. Athletic Activities

Tiny Mite Hockey for boys 9 to 12 was the only seasonal athletic program operated by the Recreation Division. During 1960, there were 32 teams of 18 boys each in the league for a total of 576 boys. Teams are coached and managed by volunteers in the communities.

In previous years when the staff included an Athletic Supervisor, Tiny Mite Soccer and Touch Football leagues were also operated.

5. Special Events

This category includes an annual, weeklong, city-wide table tennis tournament, and the Indian Day Track Meet at the Stampede.

Other special events include final programs for playground and recreation centre programs.

6. Provision of Recreation Facilities

The Division maintains and operates five swimming pools for $3\frac{1}{2}$ months each year. Public swimming participation in 1960 included a total of 148,235 children and youths, and 24,924 adults for a grand total of 173,159 participants.

Broadview and Renfrew parks showed an estimated use in 1960 by about 15,000 persons, including spectators and participants. These fields are used for Soccer, English Rugger, Mighty Mite Football and Junior High School Football.

Mewata stadium had a spectator attendance of about 46,000 in 1960 with 95 different events taking place on 73 days

during the season. The stadium was used for Junior and Senior High School Football, Junior, Intermediate and Mighty Mite Football, Soccer, Track and Field Meets and some miscellaneous events.

More than 180 skating surfaces were provided in Calgary this year. Sixty-seven of these were community association boarded rinks. Most of the remainder were banked, pleasure skating areas. One boarded rink was purchased by and installed at the University. One artificial ice and five boarded natural ice rinks were operated by the City and are used by Church leagues, Commercial and Industrial teams, C.C.R.A. teams, Scouts and Cubs, Tiny-Mite Hockey, Big Six teams, Figure Skating, and Public skating groups.

Playground equipment has been installed at 89 locations. Major playgrounds (those having seven pieces of equipment) have been installed at 39 locations. Minor playgrounds (four pieces) have been installed at 50 locations. Of these totals, 7 major playgrounds were established in 1960.

7. Assistance to Other Organizations

The Division assisted the C.C.R.A. in drawing up its various league schedules for Hockey and Fastball.

Assistance was also given to schools and other groups in the operation of football games, track meets and swimming meets.

Staff members were able to be of limited assistance to some community associations in planning program activities.

The Division co-operated with the Red Cross Society, Swimming and Water Safety Division in the operation of swimming Classes.

Looking To The Future

Great efforts must be made to improve all activities of the Recreation Division. Some of these efforts will include attempts to increase the effectiveness of administrative organization and procedures. Of prime importance, however, is the need to increase and improve the division's liaison with Community Associations, Sports Governing bodies and other organizations

presently engaged in providing recreation services to the people of Calgary. Without these groups whose members contribute so much time and effort to their city, the recreational life of the Calgary citizens would be impoverished.

The role of the Recreation Division must be to provide direct services where it is in a position to do this best and to assist other organizations to provide services by providing leadership training, consultation services, co-ordinating services and facilities in accordance with the needs of the individuals and groups concerned.

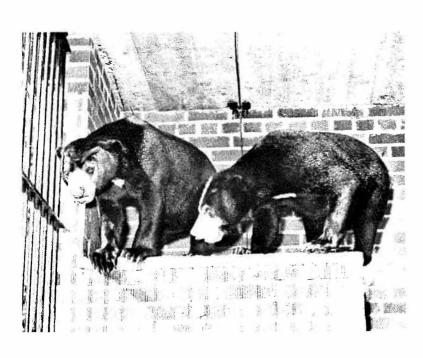
ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS - T. BAINES, CURATOR

Each year it becomes more difficult to describe the years accomplishments and failures. Having said this, let us review some of the Zoo happenings of 1960.

MAMMAIS - These, as I have noted, have always been our main feature and a glance at our inventory shows that in 1960 this section was well maintained and almost all specimens included in last years report are still with us and many added exhibits have been made. Prominent amoung these was the Elephant presented to us by the Gyro Club of Calgary, the Reindeer presented by Mr. Don Harvie and the Jaguar given to the Children's Zoo by Mrs. Eric Harvie and a Camel promised to us by the Black Hill Passion Play company. Two fine Leopards were received from Chester, England, Bennett Wallaby's from Dublin. Also added were a pair of Cape Hunting Dogs, Striped Hyenas and Malamutes. Our Mountain Sheep have continued to do well and we raised a fine ewe lamb and our thanks are due to our Provincial Game Department through Mr. Curt Smith, director of Game and a special thank you to his Game Officer, Mr. Frank Jones for his cheerful given assistance. As the question of land across the river is still under review, our question of increasing our Hoofed Stock is at a stand still. We raised the first Moose to be born in captivity which is one of the years highlights.

WATERFOWL - While the operation of the pump into the West End Lagoon has vastly improved conditions, yet a large water-fowl house becomes more of a necessity than ever. At present, we have an outstanding collection of Swans, Geeseand Ducks, that while it is not a large collection, can be expanded without too great an expense.

BIRDS OF PREY - Thanks to the large flight cage erected some years ago, this collection has been maintained and added to. As you are aware, it has been the policy of the Society in recent years to try as far as possible to have all specimens in year around cages, by this I mean in winter months they will either have access to outside pens or be closed in so that there will be no moving from cage to cage according to the season of the year. In the case of some Vultures etc., as of course with cranes and other specimens this is not



I THINK SOMEONE IS LOOKING AT US



LET'S KEEP TOGETHER



GYRO - THE BABY ELEPHANT



STATELY INHABITANTS OF THE TROPICAL BIRD HOUSE

feasible but I believe this minor problem can be taken care of economically under our present building plans.

PHEASANT & OTHER GAME BIRDS - This collection of birds is better than ever with 25 varieties.

WADERS - Our collection of Waders has been added to and remains one of our year around attractions. An outside flight cage would be a great advantage.

FLIGHTLESS BIRDS - Another Cassowary and a female Ostrich have been added, so with our existing Emu and Rhea we have an outstanding exhibit.

PSITTISINE BIRDS - These have been maintained and slightly improved. However, with the Psitocosiss law combined with other factors any large increase will have to await suitable housing.

OTHER BIRDS- In as much as the original plans of the Society emphasized a complete North American Mammal collection and for other reasons it was almost a foregone conclusion that the birds department might be pushed into the background. However, by careful choice of birds, a very fair collection has been assembled, and as our housing for Mammals etc., has been largely rebuilt in the past 5 years it is hoped that before too long a really fine collection of Exotic Birds can be assembled and suitably housed. At present we have many in more or less temporary locations. With well over 200 varieties we already have a good nucleus and once housing is available this can be doubled without too much expense.

REPTILES - Are of course a highly specialized department of any Zoo, requiring distinct housing and care, although an exceedingly popular exhibit. Although our reptile collection is very small yet I feel it is well worth while as to creating interest and its position in your Zoo may be compared with our bird collection of 5 or 6 years ago and in future years will no doubt be a real factor. One of the only 3 Tuataras in North America continues to thrive. A Giant Adalbra Turtle delights the visitors to the Children's Zoo as do the smaller box and mud turtles and our one large alligator.

EXCHANGES - have been carried out on a wide scale. Not only has it been possible to materially reduce our outlay on specimens by this method, this despite high express rates, but we have obtained excellent animals and in many cases specimens that it would be very difficult, and indeed in some cases impossible, to obtain otherwise. Examples are

the Tuatara, Quokkas, Mountain Goat, Young Cassowary and Psitticine Birds.

We believe it speaks well for our Zoo Colleagues in other countries when we say that specimens are even better than previously described. I express the hope that the receiver of our specimens have been equally happy, certainly we have had no complaints. Another item is the large amount of publicity created with animal exchanges in both countries concerned and this is, I think, another reason that should encourage us to continue these exchanges. At present we have few outstanding obligations to other Zoos and considerable credits. It may be asked why there should be these uncompleted exchanges. The reason is that few Zoos and certainly not ours, have space for keeping surplus animals and yet are anxious to obtain either individual specimens to mate up pairs or secure additional specimens when space is available.

CHILDREN'S ZOO - completed another successful year with over 190,000 visitors which brings the total in four years to over half a million. The biggest added attraction was Gyro but I believe the one factor in the continued success of the Children's Zoo is the close contact permitted between the animals and visitors. All the Staff did a good job and with the added space in the New Children's Zoo Building, 1961 should see an even more successful year.

RUDOLPH - was again popular, visits were made to 127 parties including about a dozen to Hospitals and Institutions. Owing to the concentration of parties the weekend before Christmas, about 20 requests had to be refused. As I have made a separate report regarding this project, I will not repeat myself except to say a big "Thank You" to all who so generously gave their time, use of their cars etc., to this project.

SIGNS - These were kept well up to date as regards to animals, concerning the bird signs, owing to pressure of business we had to secure a new artist, but it is hoped we will make some headway on these before spring.

GROUNDS, BUILDINGS & CONSTRUCTION - As your Building Committee will report, I will merely say that the wonderful support received from Messrs. Morton and Hurst and members of their committees and the Parks Department is appreciated and perfect co-operation was in evidence and I believe all building and minor repairs are functional and economical.

DINOSAUR EXHIBIT - is vastly improved but you will receive a complete report of this from your Dinosaur and Fossil Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - We believe the Zoo continues to create interest and goodwill and some of the more interesting items were as follows:

- 1. The competition operated by the "Albertan" to choose a name for our new leopard, created much interest and the same paper carried a series of photos on the Zoo of 25 years ago.
- 2. The transport to Calgary and its subsequent arrival and display of Gyro, the Baby Elephant, created enormous interest.
- 3. The Calgary Herald gave a special Saturday feature on our Children's Zoo with emphasis on Gyro and another on the feeding diet of our various specimens and still another on the operation of the Log Cabin Crafts.
- 4. The North Hill News published photographs and Zoo items from time to time.
- 5. Mr. John Ballem featured Zoo specimens on many of his Animal Talk Programs and no doubt he will elaborate on this.
- 6. I was able to show our Zoo film and slides to the American Institute of Parks and Aquariums Executive at the Conference at Long Beach and they were well received.
- 7. These pictures were also shown locally to many organizations and I believe their showing was of considerable value to the Zoo.
- 8. A team from the C.B.C.'s T.V. division have taken many winter shots at the Zoo and are returning in May or June. They have expressed a great deal of pleasure with the pictures already taken and following the 1961 pictures a series of films on our Zoo will appear from coast to coast.
- 9. Both T.V. Stations have shown pictures of topical interest on the Zoo.
- 10. C.F.C.N. phone us each week for news items.

- 11. Your Curator appeared on C.F.C.N. T.V. following his attendance at the A.A.Z.P.A. Convention and again with Rudolph during Christmas.
- 12. All three Radio Stations have given us publicity.
- 13. Through the Calgary Tourist & Convention Association, Mr. Doug Johnson has had a permanent record erected at the City Hall in Seattle of our Dinosaur Park in the form of a mace suitably made and inscribed.
- 14. MacLean's Magazine carried a picture of our Brontasaurus on its front cover.
- 15. A. E. Jaques & Sons have painted a large Zoo direction sign on the west side of their building for us and this gesture is appreciated as such signs are sorely needed.
- 16. Last but not least, we are indebted to our Local Press for over 300 items covering the Zoo published in 1960, these were accompanied by approximately 185 photographs. This, I believe, is far more space than that given to any other local organization. Many of these photographs and news items were distributed by the Canadian Press to newspapers throughout Canada and Overseas.

On a more personal note I would like to thank the Reporters, Photographers and all those connected with the various news media. We have endeavored to co-operate by offering news items in an impartial manner. We do not know how well we have succeeded, but if the attitude to us, of the people concerned is any evidence, they at least have given us credit for trying.

Mrs. Jay Zell was for many years the Herald Reporter on the Zoo, she has recently retired from the Herald and our thanks are due her for her long and continous interest in our Zoo.

OUR INVENTORY - is attached but a summary shows: (with corresponding figures to December 31, 1959 in brackets).

336	(338)	Mamma ls	of	135	(123) S	Species
573	(662)	Birds	of	221	(216) S	pecies
71	(99)	Fish	$\circ f$	11	(14) S	pecies
11	(4)	Reptiles	of	5	(4) S	Species

The reduction in birds is due to the exclusion of pidgeons, mallards, vultures etc., and to shipments of native birds last fall to reduce winter carry over.

Our added list of specimens have materially increased costs, but every effort has been made to obtain foodstuffs to the extent that we have not had to purchase bread, fruit or vegetables for 25 years and the Zoo Staff are very conscientous in collecting these donations.

Z00 STAFF - have again done an excellent job and I believe few losses suffered during the year and the apparent satisfaction of the general public emphasis this fact.

Our Zoo has hardly reached the size where individual Bird, Mannal etc., divisions can be created, but thanks to Mr. Boothman and other City Officials, a new establishment for the Zoo has been outlined which should lead to greater efficiency and smoother operation.

ENTERTAINMENT - The Annual Zoo Barbecue at which the Zoo Staff entertain the Directors was again a great success. Last year the annual dinner put on by Mr. Don Harvie, for the Zoo Staff was cancelled on account of ill health, but is slated for January, 1961 and is being looked forward to.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION - M. BARRACLOUGH, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

BUDGET REPORT

The year 1960 was one of increased activity and change. Reorganization of the various Districts resulted in a much more compact
supervisory group with more definite Divisional contact and a more concentrated gardening level distribution of personnel. Because of the
continued growth of the City, resulting in more areas having to be developed for parks purposes and thus requiring annual maintenance, expenditures in this regard in 1960 were up over 1959. Nevertheless,
the overall increase was only slightly more than 8%. Total Department
expenditures for 1960 exceeded the total for 1959 by less than 10%.

Although total expenditures exceeded appropriations slightly in 1960 by an actual amount of \$1,029.04, there was a contributing factor responsible. It will be noted that the amount expended for the Broadview Soccer Park is in excess of the appropriation by \$6,601.31. This was caused by the installation of flood lights, and a small addition to the dressing rooms at the park; these items having been authorized by City Council during the summer, and therefore, not in the budget. The cost of these improvements amounted to \$5,280.30. Therefore, actually the Department did operate within the overall budgeted amount for 1960.

Total revenue from the various functions of the Department in 1960 exceeded the 1959 total by \$18,466.45. The largest increase in revenue was at the Golf Course and amounted to \$7,328.14 over 1959. This was the result of increased patronage, which on most fine days taxed the facilities to the limit. Another swimming pool was completed and in operation towards the end of the summer, actually only being in operation for less than the last three weeks in the season. This brings to five the number of outdoor pools now available, with possibly a sixth to be built in 1961. Patronage at the pools in 1960 was good on most warm days, but unfortunately considerable cool weather was experienced throughout the summer, resulting in revenues being not greatly better than in 1959.

The cost of operating our supporting units was lower than estimated with the exception of the Nursery and our Garden Material Stores. Increased expenditure for the Nursery was occasioned by the addition of the new Glenmore Nursery. A considerable quantity of stock was moved to the new site during the planting season.

The increased in Garden Materials was produced by reason of the fact that for the first time it was found necessary to contract for our loam requirements. We were very successful in letting the tender for this stock at a delivery price to any site of \$1.20 per cubic yard, and obtaining complete satisfaction. From the standpoint of economy, efficiency and convenience this arrangement has proved to be far superior to our previous method of obtaining loam from sundry locations where loam was stock piled after being stripped during the process of developing roads etc. in new subdivisions. Although there was no charge made to us for the loam itself, the cost of hiring equipment to load and haul the loam was expensive and delays were frequent and the supply uncertain.

Following are statements of expenditures and revenue arranged according to estimates for the year.

ST. PATRICK'S ISLAND CAMP GROUND

From June 15 to September 16, 1960, during which period the camp ground was in operation, there were over 35,000 people accomodated with cars registered being in excess of 8,950. Tourists from all over the continent patronized the camp, the majority being from California, with Alberta and Saskatchewan being next in order.

During the fall after the camp closed, further clearing and levelling was done to provide more camping space, and a second camp kitchen will be built. This will provide total facilities of three toilet and shower units, two camp kitchens with electric hot plates, and accomodations for approximately 400 camp units.

For a period of about ten days during Stampede time, it has been found impossible to accommodate all campers at this site. Therefore, it is planned to provide a second temporary camp at some other site during this period in 1961.

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

GENERAL WORK - All general maintenance work has carried out during the Season. That is: Greens, Fairways and Grass Tees were watered and mowed regularly. The Greens were also aerified and fertilized several times. This kept them in good playing condition all season despite the heavy play. The entire course was treated with 2-4-D, which kept dandelions and other weeds at a minimum. The rough was mowed as short as possible, which not only improved the appearance of the Course, but kept the Players moving right along, due to fewer lost balls.

There were approximately 92,000 games of Golf played on the Course during 1960. Our largest month was July, when 17,303 golfers played over the course, and Sunday, June 5th was our largest day with 815 games being played.

 $\frac{\text{NEW}}{18}$ WORK - This season, we put in a new Grass Tee on the #4 hole of the $\frac{18}{18}$ hole course, and laid the base for a new grass tee on the #1 hole of the 18 hole course.

We now have 10 grass tees on the 18 hole course and 1 on the 9 hole course. These tees greatly improve the appearance of the course and it is hoped to provide more grass tees this coming season.

STATEMENT FOR 1960 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

PARKS AND CEMETERIES DIVISION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation: \$51,381.00 Expenditures: \$51,518.12

Colouton	# 1.1. Ran гл	
Salaries	\$ 44,832.57	
Travelling Expense	316.50	
Rental - Passenger Cars	2,868.40	
Telephones, Telegrams	372.65	
Subscriptions and Association Dues	54 .7 9	
Postage	224.32	
Printing, Stationery and Office		
Supplies	1,844.65	
Equipment - Photographic	56.97	
New Equipment - Office Machines	460.63	
Furniture and Furnishings	394.33	
Staff Development and Training	92.31	\$ 51,518.12

ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND ZOO

Appropriation: \$77,587.00 Expenditures: \$83,598.87

Salaries Wages Private Car Allowance Rental - Equipment and Services Rental - City Owned Vehicles	\$ 6,060.00 42,067.11 360.00 278.95 606.42	
Maintenance and Repair - Buildings and Property Maintenance and Repair - Facilities Utilities	3,619.96 1,440.16 13,334.90	
Telephones Feed Supplies Sundry Materials	131.60 14,693.39 1,006.38	\$ 83 , 598 . 87

FARKS DISTRICTS

Appropriation: \$366,620.00 Expenditures: \$357,549.75

	SALARIES	WAGES	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	TRUCK RENTAL	MAINTENANCE BUILD. ETC.	MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	UTILITIES	TELEPHONES	HYDRANT WATER	AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SUPPLIES	SUNDRY MATERIALS	new E^UIPMENT	REVENUE. RE BENCHES	TOTAL AMOUNTS
No. 2 - North West	2,622,24	61,863.88	8,341.38	4,181,60	2,090.52	3,789.70	204.39	63.30	3,375,00	7,936,59	319.78			94,788.32
No. 3 - North Hill	2,751.65	34,963.65	4,390.98	2,691.62	2,180.90	3,591.21	490.19	84.50	2,250.00	6,543.41	10.84			59,948.95
No. 4 - North & East	2,613.00	40,763.82	5,391.87	3,403.49	1,428.60	2,959,99	61,76		2,250,00	3,620,68	111.12			62,604,33
No. 5 - South West	2,613.00	32,741.19	",177.77	2,794.17	1,976.95	2,093.27	119,93	50.70	2,250,00	5,073,25	41.50			53,931,73
No. 6 - Central Sout	h 1,838.29	51,470.01	6,118.49	4,407.29	3,528.15	1,079.49	681.12	48.00	3,375.00	9,340.16	30.52			81,916,62
Equipment												5,460.31		5,460,31
Advertising Benches											-		1,100,50 CR.	1,100,50 CR
	12,438.18	221,802.55	28,420.53	17,478.17	11,205.12	13,513.66	1,557.39	245.50	13,500.00	32,514.09	513.76	5,460.31	1,100.50 CR.	357,549.76

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TREE PLANTING ON BOULEVARDS

Appropriation:	\$32,450.00
Expenditures:	\$32,884.14

Wages	\$ 13 , 111 . 61	
Rental - Equipment and Services	1,019.42	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	970.99	
Rental - Vehicles Not City Owned	3,792.00	
Agricultural and Horticultural	·	
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Materials 13,990.12 \$ 32,884.14

WEED CONTROL

Appropriation: \$39,000.00 Expenditure: \$39,723.14

Wages	\$ 24,785.73	
Rental - Equipment and Services	4,769.10	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	2,959.10	
Weed Spraying	6,014.34	,
Sundry Materials	841.95	
New Equipment	352.92	\$ 39,723.14

GOLF COURSE

Appropriations: \$46,576.00 Expenditures: \$46,337.72 Revenues: \$63,119.80

Salaries (Steward) Wages	\$ 3,000.00 22,780.98	
Rental - Equipment and Services	5,051.08	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	1,234.12	
Maintenance and Repair - Buildings	•	
and Property	2 , 670 . 36	
Maintenance and Repair - Facilities	1,092.63	
Utilities	2,452.00	
Telephone	107.00	
Agricultural and Horticultural		
Materials	3,910.04	
Sundry Materials	2,160.10	
New Equipment	1,879.41	\$ 46,337.72

GOLF COURSE REVENUE

GREEN FEES

1,438 Junior @ \$.75 267 Junior @ 1.00 7,680 Senior @ 1.00 11,499 Senior @ 1.50 40,578 9 Holes @ .60 SEASON TICKETS	267.00 7,680.00 17,248.50	\$ 50 , 620 . 80	
Gents (161) Ladies (71) Junior (298) Man and Wife (25)	\$ 5,635.00 1,775.00 3,576.00 1,375.00	\$ 12 , 361 . 00	
LOCKER RENTS	\$ 138.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 63,119.80

CEMETERIES AND READER ROCK GAPDEN

Appropriations: \$168,416.00 Expenditures: \$172,730.30

	SALARIES	WAGES	PRIVATE CAR ALLCHANCE	transit <u>Tickets</u>	EQUIP. RENTAL	TRUCK RENTA L	MTCE. PLDG. ETC.	FACILITIES NTCE.	UTILITIES	TELEPHONES	HYDRANT MATER	AGRICULTURAL HORTICULTURAL SUPPLIES	SUNDRY MATERIALS	NEW E^UIPMENT	PERP. CARE INT. CREDITS	<u>TOTALS</u>
Union	4,871.76	34,790.13	360.00		4,920,38	857.12	2,616.97	412.42	301.94	84.50	1,500.00	994,75	158.26		3.343.64 CR.	48,524,59
Burnsland		28,641.67			5,408.64	723.91	13.38	131,23			750,00	597,10			6,112.66 CR.	30,153,27
Queen's Park	4,632.00	48,212.08		45.00	10,680.05	2,400.09	2,080.28	2,254.91	418.65	107.50	1,500,00	954,84	32.99		8,800,48 CR.	64,517,91
St. Mary's		13,973.70			2,631.13	548.81		309.51			375.00	119.00		•	2,319.31 CR.	15,637.84
Chines e		2,242.88			645.84	81.81	123.36	31.90			187.56	88,50			243.59 CR.	3,158,26
Reader's Rockery	•	9,103,39			479.81	194.12	23.28	184.73			187.44	359.85 CR.	2.41			9,815,33
New Equipment														923.10		923.10
	9,503.76	136,963.85	360.00	45.00'2	4,765.85	4805.86	4.857.27	3.324.70	720.59	192.00	4,500.00	2,394.34	193.66	923.10	20,819.68 CR.	172,730.30

CEMETERY REVENUES

CRAVE FEES	GRAVE DIGGING	DISINTERMENTS	RETURF	MONUMENT FEES	GREENS & DEVICE	LATE FUNERALS	TRANSFER FEES	SPEC. MTCE.	TOTAL	PERFETUAL CARE RECEIPTS
2.469.00	46.603.80	255.00	4.389.00	3.344.00	2.436.00	427.00	42.50	250.00	60,216,30	39,802,00

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RECREATION DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$28,346.00
Expenditures:	\$27,991.09

Salaries	\$ 19,332.47	
Wages	1,971.77	
Private Car Allowances	1,773.98	
Utilities	109.38	
Telephones	489.73	
Insurance	291.36	
Postage	187.79	
Printing, Stationery and Office		
Supplies	1,057.13	
Sundry Materials	256.83	
New Equipment - Office Machines	352.44	
Furniture and Furnishings	23.46	
Staff Development and Training	236.62	
Band Contests	553.09	
Travelling Expenses	1,355.04	\$ 27,991.09

STADIUM

Appropriation: \$20,004.00 Expenditures: \$20,893.58

Wages	\$ 12,623.59	•
Rental - Equipment and Services	2,015.02	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	292.53	
Maintenance and Repair - Buildings	, ,,,	
and Property	2,439.94	
Maintenance and Repair - Facilities	1,016.58	
Utilities	2,264.72	
Tele phone	102.75	
Recreation Supplies	97.00	
Agricultural and Horticultural		
Supplies	686.05	
Sundry Materials	649.40	\$ 22,187.58
Less Credit		
Flood Light, Fees		1,291,00

\$ 20,893.58

RENFREW BALL PARK

Appropriation: \$7,222.00 Expenditures: \$5,308.87

Wages	\$ 3,777.43	
Rental - Equipment and Services	517.49	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	76.16	
Maintenance and Repair - Buildings		
and Property	223.60	
Maintenance and Repair	247.54	
Utilities	308.16	
Telephones	45.50	
Sundry Materials	112.99	\$ 5 , 308.8 7

BROADVIEW SOCCER PARK

Appropriation: \$3,880.00 Expenditures: \$10,481.31

Wages	\$ 3,488.88	
Rental - Equipment and Services	333.85	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	171.89	
Maintenance and Repair - Buildings		
and Property	2,026.50	
Utilities	111.91	
Sundry Materials	62.91	
Flood Lighting Installation	4,329.87	\$10,525.81
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Less	Flood Light	Fees	44.50
			\$10.481.31

ARTIFICIAL ICE RINK

Appropriation: \$11,048.00 Expenditures: \$8,833.68

Wages	\$ 5,050.62	
Rental - Equipment and Services	193.70	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	17.86	
Maintenance and Repair - Facilities	601.35	
Utilities	2,785.47	
Telephone	24.75	
Sundry Materials	159.93	\$ 8 , 833 . 68

NATURAL ICE RINKS

Appropriation: \$57,885.00 Expenditures: \$64,091.78

Wages	\$և2 , 626 . 70	
Rental - Equipment and Services	5,442.06	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	6,877.79	
Maintenance and Repair - Facilities	4,791.81	
Utilities	2,278.32	
Telephones	45.50	
Hydrant Water	2,000.00	
Sundry Materials	29.60	\$64,091.78

PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriations: \$44,950.00 Expenditures: \$40,364.06

Salaries	\$ 7,761.68	
Wages	23 , 971 . 90	
Private Car Allowances	900.00	
Rental - Equipment and Services	1,270.37	
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	1,703.42	
Maintenance and Repair - Equipment	1,649.64	
Maintenance and Repair - Facilities	1,602.14	
Recreation Supplies	1,406.38	
Sundry Materials	86.29	
Staff Development and Training	12.24	\$40,364.06

SWIMMING POOLS

Appropriation: \$80,890.00 Expenditures: \$78,589.55

	MT. PLEASANT	S. CALGARY	BOWVIEW	MILLICAN	BRIDGELAND
Wages Rental - City	\$12,876.45	\$14,751.21	\$12,933.05	\$10,827.08	\$2,942.63
Owned Vehicles Mtce. & Repair	43.42	38.41	47.08	28.39	3.34
Bldgs. & Prop. Mtc. & Repair	318.91	172.95	196.14	51.21	112.59
Equipment Mtce. & Repair	192.77	357.62	147.92	79.56	
Facilities	964.41	1,522.84	1,990.72	1,109.53	29.76
Utilities Telephones	3,527.28 46.00	2,099.66 74.25	1,406.56 71.50	2,230.17 71.50	207.87 32.10
Laundry Service	21.17	200.09	39.38	42.85	014عر
Insurance	19.94	76.72	19.94	31.22	116.49
Sundry Materials	435.08	225.92	258.94	191.89	214.12
Chemicals	1,087.86	980.12	1 , 563 . 88	978 .7 8	389.83
Clothing and					
Incidentals	20.30	Shiffigurii midiniying digina (aggir - 1999 shirana	22.01		148.14
	\$19,553.59	\$20,499.79	\$18,697.12	\$15,642.18	\$4,196.87

GRAND TOTAL \$78,589.55

ATTENDANCE AND REVENUE

Pools open from 21 May to 5 September inclusive.

NOTE - Bridgeland open from 25 August to 11 September inclusive.

	10¢ TICKETS CHILDREN	TEENS 19	5¢ ADULTS TICKET			rs suits 5¢ @ 25¢	
MT. PLEASAN S. CALGARY BOWVIEW MILLICAN BRIDGELAND	T 28,542 28,574 17,951 11,208 1,980	16,631 21,617 15,464 5,440 836	5,982 7,235 6,310 4,720 676	529 281 509 294 19	459 456 430 225 3	253 258 318 283 48	\$ 7,627.55 8,793.20 6,518.10 3,722.70 574.35
	88,255	59,988	24,923	1,632	1,573	1,160	\$27,235.90
	\$8,825.50	8,998.20	8, 723 .0 5	163,20	235.95	290.00	\$27,235.90

RECREATION CENTRES

Appropriation: \$37,975.00 Expenditures: \$35,220.54

Salaries	\$11,945.00
Wages	11,871.86
Private Car Allowances	1,883.33
Rental - Buildings and Property	6,732,55
Rental - City Owned Vehicles	1,316.64
Maintenance and Repair - Equipment	989.86
Recreation Supplies	466.42
Sundry Materials	14,88

\$35,220.54

MEWATA RECREATION HALL

Appropriation: \$1,458.00 Expenditures: \$ 600.53

Maintenance and Repairs - Buildings	
and Property	117.36
Utilities	410.64
Telephone	68.75
Sundry Materials	3 . 78
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600.53

SUPPORTING UNITS

COST OF OPERATION

	<u>EST IMATED</u>	ACTUAL
Repair Shop and Equipment Pools Plumbing Shop Nursery Greenhouse Garden Material Stores	\$115,750.00 84,200.00 28,500.00 17,280.00 27,050.00	\$105,783.12 73,753.36 35,717.44 14,351.25 56,397.29
	\$272.780.00	\$286,002.46

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

PARKS AND CEMETERIES DIVISION

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE
Administration Park Districts St. George's Island Zoo Golf Course Tree Planting Weed Control Cemeteries	\$ 51,381.00 366,620.00 77,587.00 46,576.00 32,450.00 39,000.00 168,416.00	\$ 51,518.12 357,549.76 83,598.87 46,337.72 32,884.14 39,723.14 172,730.30
	\$782,030.00	\$784,342.05
SPORTS AND RECREATION DIVISION		
Administration Stadium Renfrew Ball Park Broadview Soccer Park Swimming Pools Artificial Ice Rink Natural Ice Rinks Playgrounds Recreation Centres Mewata Recreation Hall	\$ 28,346.00 20,004.00 7,222.00 3,880.00 80,890.00 11,048.00 57,885.00 44,950.00 37,975.00 1,458.00	\$ 27,991.09 20,893.58 5,308.87 10,481.31 78,589.55 8,833.68 64,091.78 40,364.06 35,220.54 600.53
SUMMARY		
Parks and Cemeteries Division Sports and Recreation Division	\$782,030.00 293,658.00	\$784,342.05 292,374.99
	\$1,075,688.00	\$1,076,717.04
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GENERAL REVENUE STATEMENT FOR 1960

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL
Golf Course Cemetery Fees Ice Rink Fees Swimming Pool Fees Stadium and Ball Park Receipts Sundry Rentals (Mewata Rec Hut)	\$ 60,000.00 57,000.00 3,700.00 26,000.00 2,200.00 1,000.00	\$ 63,119.80 60,216.30 3,518.25 27,235.90 4,801.43 937.50
	\$ 11,9,900,00	\$ 159.829.18

CAPITAL BUDGET - EXPENDITURE

AP	PROPRIATION	EXPENDITURE
Land Development, Parks, Playgrounds \$ Land Development, Queen's Park Cemetery Glenmore Park Development Fencing Parks and Cemeteries, etc. Water Lines in New Parks and Playgrounds Paving - St. George's Island New Swimming Pool - City Share New Boarded Hockey Rinks Glenmore Nursery New Buildings Playground Equipment Picnic Tables	136,700.00 5,000.00 58,000.00 18,190.00 30,000.00 5,000.00 50,000.00 10,000.00 57,200.00 8,000.00 3,000.00	\$ 138,685.44 2,399.36 25,677.44 18,181.31 30,337.26 4,075.35 62,760.46 125,520.92 4,554.49 13,459.34 22,553.06 9,675.95 1,079.57
\$	386,090.00	\$ 333,439.03