

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

May 25, 1964

HIS WORSHIP, REEVE EMMOTT  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN:                    REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Your Committee met on Tuesday, May 19th, 1964 and dealt with the following matters:

(1) BURNABY LAKE.

Your Committee considered a request of the Parks and Recreation Commission that steps be taken by the Council to acquire those lands surrounding Burnaby Lake not presently under Municipal ownership and that subsequently all lands under Municipal ownership be formally reserved for Park purposes.

The Council has been supplied with a Plan showing the lands held for Park purposes, the Corporation owned lands, Provincial or Federal property and private properties, indicating that two sections of Provincial property could be acquired and one large section of Federal Government property from the George Derby Hospital land. Overtures have already been made concerning the latter property. One large private holding of considerable acreage exists at the east end of the Lake and another smaller private holding is situated at the foot of Clayton Avenue.

This request was referred by Council to the Policy Committee for more detailed consideration prior to any formal action being taken on the request of the Commission.

Your Committee is of the opinion that before any formal action is taken toward Park reservation of these lands more detailed technical information should be obtained on the future of Burnaby Lake.

There is the question of the proposed Colosseum which is being promoted for the west end Lake area under a lease proposal which could be affected by the formal reservation of the land for Park purposes at this time. There have been cursory studies made of the Lake area but there have never been any detailed engineering feasibility studies made to determine the practicability of developing the Lake area and it is considered that before any formal reservations of land are made such studies should be undertaken. No real information exists into the amount of pollution in the Lake water at the present time. No information is available on the suitability of the Lake as a bird sanctuary and there is no technical information on the amount of water flow through the body of the Lake. These and many other questions should be investigated before further steps are taken in the direction of Lake development. Furthermore, the Corporation must expect the support of the Provincial Government and before any such support can be expected more concrete information and definite proposals as to development should be available.

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Your Committee has been informed that there are professional services available in Eastern Canada which could be taken advantage of and would have some bearing on the development of the Lake which His Worship, the Reeve, could enquire into during his forthcoming trip to Toronto in connection with the Colosseum development.

Your Committee would recommend:

- (1) That the request of the Parks and Recreation Commission for designation of certain Park lands surrounding Burnaby Lake be tabled pending a decision being made on an engineering study of the Lake area.
- (2) That the Municipal Manager produce terms of reference for an engineering study to be made on different phases of development of Burnaby Lake and obtain estimates from a number of competent firms for consideration of the Council.
- (3) That His Worship, Reeve Emmott be authorized to make enquiries of the professional services available in Eastern Canada in relation to the various problems revolving around the Lake development.

Your Committee recognizes the concern of the Parks and Recreation Commission in wanting to get ahead with some firm proposals for the Burnaby Lake area and it is inherent in these actions recommended by the Committee that the Parks and Recreation Commission should be kept abreast of the plans of the Council and more specifically in the drawing up of the suggested terms of reference.

(2) STREET FURNITURE.

Your Committee has viewed a prototype of a litter container prepared as a result of instructions being issued by the Council during 1963 to replace those litter containers presently located on municipal streets by private arrangement with an advertising contractor.

The container designed by the Engineering Department is of triangular shape with a cone shaped container separated from the top by about four inches - giving easy access from three sides for the deposit of litter to the plastic bag lining the container.

Quoted price for the production of these containers is \$47.00 each which is approximately ten dollars lower than any other price obtained. The plastic liners would cost approximately five cents (5¢) each and cost of installation is estimated at from \$7.50 to \$10.00 each.

The container would be fixed into the sidewalk in the same manner as street signs. Main parts of the container are constructed of fibreglass for strength and durability and a special locking device is proposed to allow the lower part of the container to swing sideways for easy removal of the plastic liners containing the refuse.

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The design of the container is modernized in keeping with present day trends for attractive street furniture. The design also combines practical features, the most important of which are to provide a protective shield against the weather and the cone shape ensures that automobiles will not damage the units during parking operation.

Your Committee would recommend the purchase of ten refuse units, as described, to be located in strategic areas throughout the Municipality and that further consideration be given to the purchase of these units in bulk when the results of the experiment are available.

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