

ITEM 19

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70

COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 30/72

19. Re: Big Bend Area - Motion for Acquisition of Land  
(Item 22, Supplementary Report No. 68, October 23, 1972)

Council on October 23, 1972, tabled for one week further consideration of a Planning Department Report on the Big Bend Area pending submittal of additional information by staff. Following is a progress report on the information that was requested:

1. The Solicitor advises that

"The resolution does not set out many circumstances upon which to base an opinion. Based upon my view of what the resolution intends, I have to say that Council does not have the required authority."

2. The Manager will be dealing with the request for an opinion from the Department of Municipal Affairs on the matters raised in the motion.

3. Preliminary estimates on the current market values of agricultural lands in the Big Bend Area have been obtained from the Lands Department. These estimates, which vary according to the development stage of the land, are as follows:

- a) unserviced, uncleared, undeveloped land... \$8,000 -  
\$9,000 per acre.
- b) cleared land, but not prepared for  
agriculture....\$10,000 -  
11,000 per acre.
- c) cleared and prepared land in  
agricultural production. \$12,000 -  
15,000 per acre.

4. With regard to the G.V.R.D. Green Belt Study, we have been advised by the consultant, Mr. Norman Pearson, that the report is still in course of preparation and is expected to be forwarded to the G.V.R.D. early in November.

This is for the information of Council.