

25. Re: Letter dated May 9, 1973 from the Vancouver City Clerk  
Pollution of Still Creek - Survey

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 11, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter from the Vancouver City Clerk regarding a proposal to undertake a comprehensive sampling and testing program for the purpose of identifying types and sources of contamination in Still Creek. Following is a statement from the Medical Health Officer regarding this proposal:

"With reference to the recommendation of the Vancouver Board of Administration regarding the above survey, it is my opinion that the Municipality of Burnaby should participate in the study and that this Health Department assist in the sampling.

I note that the report states 'that there is a substantial pollution load already in the Creek where it enters Vancouver from Burnaby'. This statement is not borne out by our figures on sampling taken from the area of Boundary Road and Thurston.

We have been sampling the Still Creek area for years and participation in this study should provide some interesting facts as far as the whole area is concerned."

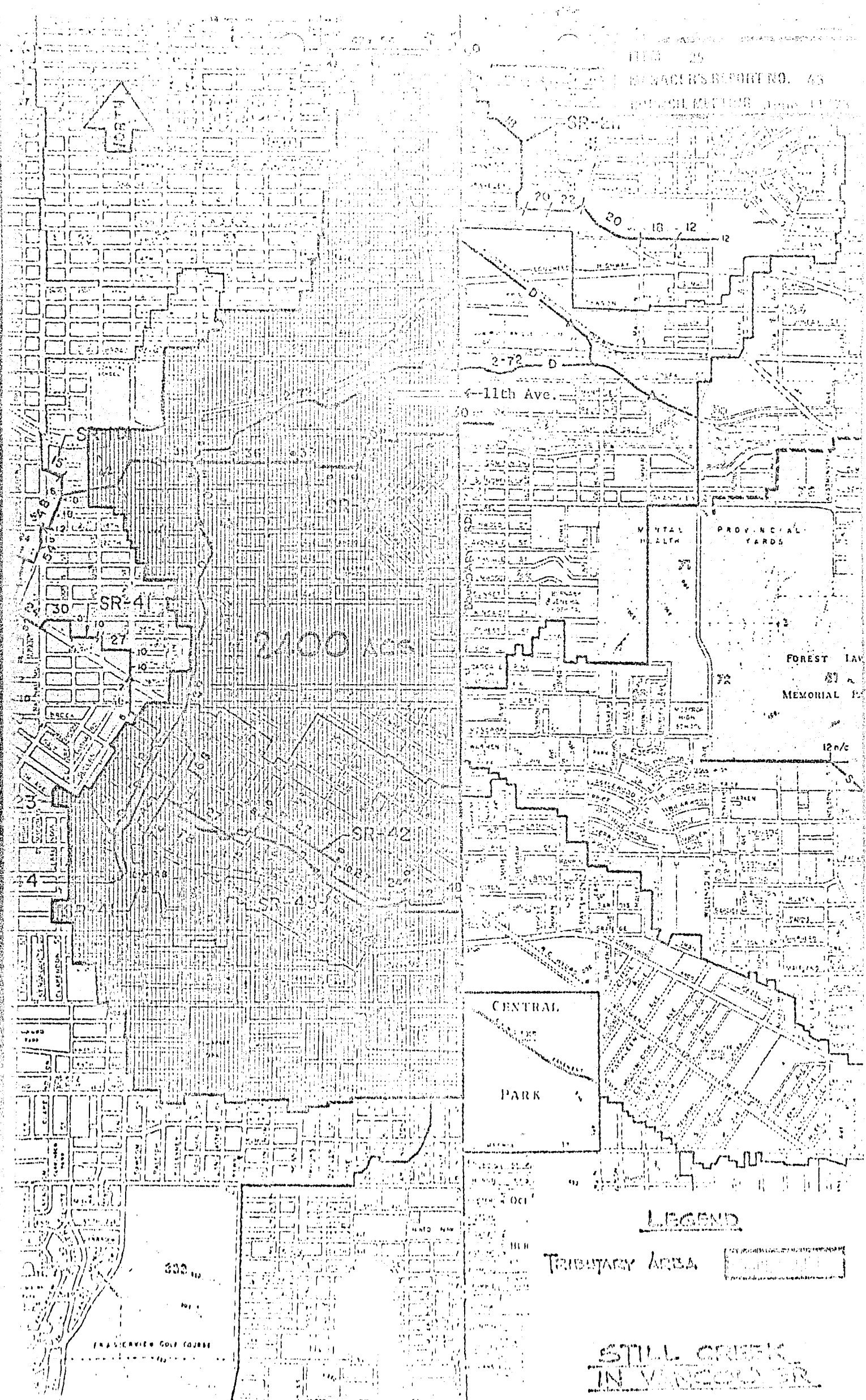
The geographical scope of the proposed study in Vancouver is shown on the attached sketch.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the City of Vancouver be advised that the statement in the report that "There is a substantial pollution load already in the Creek where it enters Vancouver from Burnaby" is not borne out by our figures on sampling taken from the area of Boundary Road and Thurston; and

THAT the City of Vancouver and the Greater Vancouver Regional District be advised that the Municipality of Burnaby wishes to participate in the proposed survey of Still Creek at the location where the Creek leaves Burnaby and enters Vancouver north of Kingsway, at the location where the Creek leaves Vancouver and re-enters Burnaby north of 11th Avenue (Myrtle and Boundary), and any areas that may be sampled east of Boundary Road that are within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Burnaby; and

THAT the Burnaby Health Department evaluate the feasibility of having an extensive sampling and testing survey conducted in Burnaby under the auspices of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, with such a survey if considered feasible to be undertaken in conjunction with the survey that is proposed for Vancouver.



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 DEWACER'S REPORT NO. 45  
 DATE OF MEETING 11/1/73

2400 ACRES

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LEGEND

TRIBUTARY AREA

STILL CREEK  
 IN VANCOUVER B.C.

SCALE - 1" = 2000'  
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