

22. Re: Nature Trails Around Burnaby Lake  
(Item 13, Report No. 31, April 24, 1973)

Council on April 24, 1973, referred the subject report to the Parks and Recreation Commission for study and comment.

The Commission on May 8, 1973, approved the following two motions:

First Motion

"THAT the Commission concurs with the Planning Department report dated April 18, 1973."

Second Motion

"THAT the Commission has no objection to a bridge over Still Creek."

Mr. Gardner of the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association was present at the Commission meeting and was directed to work with the Parks and Recreation staff on the planning of this project.

The Parks and Recreation Administrator in a letter to the Manager dated May 10, 1973 advises as follows:

"At last night's meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, some discussion took place with Mr. R. Gardner of the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association about the possibility of building a pedestrian span across Still Creek, north of Burnaby Lake Sports Fields, and to provide a westerly exit to the nature trail being constructed along the lakeshore. The idea has merit and I believe that we should assist with such a project.

Mr. Gardner has supplied us with a plan and sketches for an "A" Frame affair. My reaction is that it appears to be a good structure, but the material might be prohibitively expensive. However, I do not really know this, and I would like some advice from the Engineering Department about the structural adequacy of the design and the probable cost of the material. I have no doubt that Mr. Gardner's group are capable of building the bridge, but they will probably be asking us for the material.

Another possibility which might be less expensive, is to drive pilings into the creek at each end of the bridge and thus shorten the span; and simply lay timbers across the top of the pilings to support a plank deck. Mr. Bailey of my Department is enquiring about the cost of piling; but here again, I would welcome some advice as to the adequacy and safety of such a scheme.

One item should be dealt with almost immediately. Permission will have to be obtained from Council to construct a bridge across Still Creek. It may also be necessary to obtain approval from the G.V.R.D. There is some urgency as the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association are currently preparing a submission for extension of their L.I.P. project into the summer and need to know soon if they will be authorized to build the bridge.

Would you please obtain the necessary approvals for the bridge construction as soon as possible. Meanwhile, we will consult with the Engineer on the technical aspects of the bridge and endeavour to obtain some cost estimates."

A preliminary inquiry to the Greater Vancouver Regional District indicates that the district will in all likelihood have no objection to the construction of a pedestrian span over Still Creek. This will be confirmed in writing.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association not be granted authorization to develop additional trailways over Municipal properties in the Burnaby Lake area until such a time as a development policy and plan for the lake has been prepared and adopted by the appropriate authorities; and

THAT the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association be asked to utilize their manpower resources to finalize the trail projects already commenced in the previously authorized areas as suggested in the comments of the Parks and Recreation Administrator outlined in the Planning Director's report dated April 18, 1973; and

THAT Council approve in principle the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Still Creek; and

THAT authority to construct a bridge be withheld until the following conditions have been met:

1. Formulation of an acceptable plan of financing the bridge,
2. Confirmation from the Engineer that the proposed bridge is structurally sound,
3. Written notification from the Greater Vancouver Regional District that it has no objection to the construction of the bridge.