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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 13

COUNCIL MEETING Feb. 19/73

1. Re: Winter Capital Projects Fund

On 11 December 1972, Council authorized the Municipal Treasurer to apply for the following loans under the Federal-Provincial Winter Job Expansion Plan 1973:

Stage II Local Improvements	\$ 1,280,000
Storm drainage	900,000
Kensington Rink	800,000
Storm sewers	1,000,000
Stage III Local Improvements	1,402,500
Portion of Central Valley Sanitary Sewer System	200,000
Local Improvements - Government Road	227,000
- Brighton Avenue	112,000
Storm sewers	1,000,000
	<u>\$ 6,921,500</u>

To date, very few projects of any description from anywhere in B.C. have been approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs. One of the few that have been approved is the Kensington Rink in Burnaby in the amount of \$800,000.

The program is for a three year period. Rebates of 100% of on-site labour costs may be claimed for labour performed during the winters of 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75. A rebate of 50% on on-site labour costs may be obtained for work performed between June and November 1973 and 1974.

The program approved by Council anticipated regulations in force in prior years and did not envision the rules annotated above. Nor, was it known that a low priority would be given to waterworks and sewer projects.

It has been pointed out to the Department that storm sewers are projects most suitable for construction during winter months and contain the highest proportion of labour costs. Notwithstanding, they may have difficulty in justifying allocations to Burnaby for this purpose. Therefore, if Burnaby is to secure a reasonable share of available funds, some other project or projects must be found.

One project that was not put forward was the Health & Welfare Building and alterations to the Municipal Hall, primarily because it was one that could not be put into motion quickly. We have only a rough estimate of the cost and it will be some time before we will be ready for a tender call. However, it is one that can be scheduled to take advantage of rebates on labour costs during the winter of 1973-1974.

The deadline for submissions is 23 February 1973.

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1. Re: Winter Capital Projects Fund (Cont'd)

The estimates of costs shown in the Municipal Hall Capital Improvement Committee Report of 13 September 1972 are:

New building	\$ 993,284
Alterations to Municipal Hall	431,550
	<u>\$ 1,424,834</u>

Currently the architect is commissioned to develop plans and produce costs on the new building only. The development of plans and costs for the alterations to the Municipal Hall will come later.

If Council were to authorize the submission of these two projects at round figures of \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 now and if the projects were to be approved, Victoria, through its special powers can give approval to the necessary loan authorization by-laws. In the event Council wished to build a less expensive building or do less extensive alterations, it will have the right to do so. Conversely, if costs prove greater than estimated and Council wishes to proceed, it may obtain the extra monies required upon passage of a tax sale monies by-law after approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Municipal Treasurer be authorized to apply for Federal-Provincial Winter Capital Projects Funds for the following loans:

New Municipal building	\$ 1,000,000
Alterations to Municipal Hall	500,000
	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>