

ITEM 53
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43
COUNCIL MEETING June 10/74

Re: Letter dated May 31, 1974 from Mr. J. Lang
7327 Pandora Street, Burnaby, regarding
Development of Burnaby Mountain

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 10, 1974 meeting of Council is a letter dated May 31, 1974 from Mr. J. Lang, 7327 Pandora Street, concerning the proposed designation of Burnaby Mountain as a conservation area.

Following is the report in this connection from the Director of Planning dated June 7, 1974.

It will be recalled that the Advisory Planning Commission reported to Council on May 13, 1974 and recommended that:

"After discussion, the Advisory Planning Commission is recommending concurrence with the recommendation contained in this report.

The Commission would recommend, however, with respect to Recommendation #13, that the reassessment referred to should not be construed as a deterrent to development within the existing zoning."

The Municipal Council tabled the matter of "The Public Meetings, Phase One" report including the Advisory Planning Commission report, and directed on May 21, 1974, that they be considered at the same time as the Planning Director's "Burnaby Transportation Study to 1985" is considered. The meeting date has not yet been set for this particular meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to Mr. J. Lang.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

7 JUNE, 1974

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

RE: CORRESPONDENCE FROM J. LANG

Appearing on the agenda is a letter dated May 31, 1974 received from J. Lang concerning the proposed designation of Burnaby Mountain as a conservation area.

As Council is aware, this proposal is contained within the report, Public Meetings, Phase One which was approved by the Advisory Planning Commission on May 9, 1974. This report is to be the subject of a Special Meeting of Council at which time its contents and recommendations are to be considered.


With respect to the concerns raised by Mr. Lang, it should be mentioned that during the Public Meeting program, a specific concern to many of the participants was that the retention of those traditional features of the Mountain should have a higher priority than their development to just accommodate existing growth pressures. This department concurs that residential expansion into those "developable" portions of Burnaby Mountain would be an irreversible commitment frustrating its "natural" conservation as an open space landmark that would not substantially contribute to the solving of regional growth demands. It was on this basis that the recommendation to designate Burnaby Mountain as a conservation area was advanced. Following Council's adoption in principle of this recommendation, it has also been recommended that the Planning Department undertake a review of those required procedures (e.g. rezonings, acquisitions) necessary for the conservation of the Mountain.

This is for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to Mr. Lang.

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A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING