

ITEM 21

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 39

COUNCIL MEETING May 21/74

Re: New 69 kv Electrical Supply Line
Government Road/Burnaby Lake Area
(Bingham-Willamette Limited)

Appearing on the Agenda for the May 21, 1974, Council meeting is a letter dated May 15, 1974 from Mr. A.W. Smallwood, Vice President and General Manager of Bingham-Willamette Limited, regarding the above.

The staff have not had the opportunity to prepare a written report regarding the question of "beautification" and the long term aspects of an additional high voltage power line.

Mr. Smallwood points out that he requires a decision within 4 weeks and it is our intention to report to Council within that period of time on this entire matter, including the results of our discussions with B.C. Hydro and the Province.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Manager be asked to report fully on this subject no later than June 17, 1974.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MAY 17, 1974

SUBJECT: NEW 69 kv ELECTRICAL SUPPLY LINE
GOVERNMENT ROAD/BURNABY LAKE AREA

Appearing on the Council agenda for May 21, 1974 is a letter from Mr. A. W. Smallwood, Vice President and General Manager of Bingham-Willamette Ltd. The following gives a brief account of the background of this subject, and the current status of considerations by outside authorities.

Background:

At the regular meeting of March 4, 1974, Council considered a report on the proposed expanded electrical service for Bingham Pump Company Limited, located at 4129 Lozells Avenue. At that time Council considered the alternatives available, the environmental impact of a new overhead high voltage system, and the matter of costs, and resolved as follows:

1. that the Municipality not approve the proposal to erect an overhead 69 kv line from the Lougheed substation to Lozells; and
2. that the Municipality approve the installation of an underground facility; and
3. that the Municipality approach B.C. Hydro, and the Provincial Government to share in the cost of providing such an underground service.

Since that time, the Planning Department has written to the B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, outlining the above and requesting that the matter of sharing the cost of providing this underground service be placed before the appropriate B.C. Hydro officials. In reply, we have been advised by the Authority's Supervisor of Acquisition that the request will be submitted to Hydro management.

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Additionally, contact has been made with the Department of Finance of the Provincial Government, and letters written to both that Department and the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce relating Council's determinations and including a copy of the Manager's Report item concerning this topic, and requesting the earnest consideration of the Provincial Government of the request for cost sharing. We have been advised by telephone within the past few days that the matter is under serious consideration at a senior level by the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, and that further contact may be expected shortly on this matter. The staff of that Department have been in touch with the Vice President and General Manager of Bingham-Willamette Ltd., and are fully aware of the need for an early decision because of the impending contract tenders foreseen by the company.

We anticipate that responses from both the Provincial Government and B.C. Hydro will be received in the near future, and a further report will be made to the Council at that time.

For the present, this status report is presented for the information of Council.


A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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