

Re: Local Initiatives Program Application
Burnaby Outdoor Education Association

On September 23, 1974, Council received a letter from Mr. R.R. Gardner, Project Director for the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association, regarding a proposal to develop trails in Burnaby under the 1974/75 Local Initiative Program. Council on that date was also advised by staff that a report on the matter would be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Following is a report from the Parks & Recreation Administrator on the Outdoor Education Association's proposal. The Planning Department concurs with all of the information that is contained in the Administrator's report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council authorize the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association to make application under the Local Initiatives Program for the upgrading of existing trails on Municipal property on the north face of Burnaby Mountain and the north shore of Burnaby Lake, and for habitat improvement in Burnaby Lake Area through servicing of duck boxes and geese platforms, provided that all work performed is with the approval of the Parks and Recreation staff; and

THAT Council authorize the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association to make application under the Local Initiatives Program to continue the operation of the Nature House on Piper Avenue and Nature Interpretation Program with two employees.

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TO: MANAGER

October 4, 1974.

FROM: PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR

RE: LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM APPLICATION
BURNABY OUTDOOR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached report from the Director of Planning at its meeting of October 2, 1974.

In this report, the Planning Department recommended against the proposed habitat improvement in Burnaby Lake Area until the development plan concept for the Park had been prepared and adopted. However, at the time of writing this report, the Planner was under the impression that the work involved new construction and development whereas, in fact, this is ongoing maintenance of the existing duck boxes and geese platforms which are used by the birds for nesting, and by the Nature House staff for observation for statistical record purposes.

With regard to the operation of the Nature House on Piper Avenue and the Nature Interpretation Program, the Commission has adopted no policy to continue these programs should other funds not be available to the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association when the L.I.P. funds are depleted. The Association is being made fully aware of this fact and the Commission will be meeting with representatives of the Association in the near future to discuss this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends "that the Municipal Council authorize the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association to make application under the Local Initiatives Program for the upgrading of existing trails on Municipal property on the north face of Burnaby Mountain and the north shore of Burnaby Lake; and for habitat improvement in Burnaby Lake Area through servicing of duck boxes and geese platforms, provided that all work performed is with the approval of the Parks and Recreation staff".
2. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends "that the Municipal Council authorize the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association to make application under the Local Initiatives Program to continue the operation of the Nature House on Piper Avenue and Nature Interpretation Program with two employees".

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ADMINISTRATOR.

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ITEM 19
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 65
COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 7/74

Planning Department,
September 26, 1974
Our File 10.250-B

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

RE: BURNABY OUTDOOR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - L.I.P. APPLICATION.

The Burnaby Outdoor Education Association is intending to make application for an additional Local Initiative Program grant for the purpose of building trails on Municipal properties in areas labelled A, B and C as shown on the maps accompanying their letter to the Municipality dated September 18, 1974 (see attached).

The projects proposed for inclusion within the program along with staff comment as to their suitability are as follows:

1. The development of trails west to Boundary Road from the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex area.

The development of trailways along the Still Creek alignment is regarded as a long range item within the development of a linear park system in the Municipality. At the present time, Municipal ownership is not complete in this area and it is intended that acquisition and dedications will be obtained on a gradual basis as development occurs. Due to the longer term nature of this project and the associated problems of existing ownership and lack of parkway design criteria, this department would not support trailway development in this area at the present time.

2. The development of trails east of Cariboo Road following the Brunette River to North Road.

As Council is aware, staff is currently preparing a development concept for the Burnaby Lake park area. In that portions of the proposed trailway development area are included within the study area, staff would recommend that no trailway development occur in this area until the development plan for the Lake has been completed and adopted by Council. This area could possibly be the basis of future L.I.P. grants in implementing the development plan when adopted.

3. The development of trails west from Deer Lake to Royal Oak Ave.

These proposed trailways are included within the area covered by the Deer

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Lake Development Concept which was adopted by Council on January 28, 1974. The Municipality and the Provincial Government are currently refining terms of reference for the retention of a landscape consultant to prepare specific guidelines for the development of a major Town Park and its integration with a proposed golf course immediately adjacent. The development of trailways in this area at the present time is therefore considered premature.

4. The upgrading of existing trails on the north face of Burnaby Mountain and the north shore of Burnaby Lake.

This department has no objections to the inclusion of this work within the L. I. P. application provided that all work done is performed under the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

5. To continue the operation of the Nature House on Piper Avenue and Nature Interpretation Program with two employees.

This department has no objection to the inclusion of this item within the L. I. P. application.


6. To perform habitat improvement in Burnaby Lake with duck boxes and geese platforms.

This department would recommend that no habitat improvement work be done at Burnaby Lake until the development plan concept for the Lake has been prepared and adopted.

Recommendations

It is recommended

1. THAT the Municipal Council authorize the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association to make application under the Local Improvement Program for the upgrading of existing trails on Municipal property on the north face of Burnaby Mountain and the north shore of Burnaby Lake provided that all work performed is with the approval of the Parks and Recreation staff.
2. THAT the Municipal Council authorize the Burnaby Outdoor Education Association to make application under the Local Improvement Program to continue the operation of the Nature House on Piper Avenue and Nature Interpretation Program with two employees.


A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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