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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 13

COUNCIL MEETING Feb. 24/75

Re: Access to Burrard Inlet through Confederation Park

Alderman Lawson, during the Enquiry session at the Council meeting of February 3, 1975, enquired as to whether any action had been taken by the Parks and Recreation Commission with regard to planning for access to the waterfront through Confederation Park, and continuing through the Chevron property located on the east side of Willingdon Avenue and abutting Confederation Park at its north-west corner.

The Parks and Recreation Administrator advises that the Commission has taken no action with regard to planning for access to the waterfront through Confederation Park.

The Administrator also advises that Mr. Tom Blake, who is a concerned citizen and lives in north Burnaby near the Chevron Refinery, has discussed the matter of access to Burrard Inlet with Parks Department staff. Mr. Blake has proposed that an old waterfront access road that existed many years ago in front of Confederation Park be re-established.

Parks staff have advised Mr. Blake of the following considerations and problems associated with his scheme:

- The Municipality does not own all the property which would be required for the road allowance as proposed by Mr. Blake.
- The Municipality is negotiating, and has agreement in principle, to lease the eastern portion of the Chevron property abutting Confederation Park. The lease portion is intended to provide a trail system for passive recreation use by the public in the Park property.
- A level crossing on the C.P.R. mainline tracks, as would be required by Mr. Blake's proposal, may be complicated and may not be approved.
- Reclamation of the foreshore off Confederation Park is not in the long range plans of the Municipality, whereas reclamation treatment, including access, is scheduled for the eastern foreshore of the Municipality as included with the Eastern Burrard Inlet Development Concept.

This is for the information of Council.