ITEM 15 MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 6 COUNCIL MEETING Feb. 2/76

Re: LETTER DATED JANUARY 20, 1976 FROM SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 249 DUNSMUIR STREET, VANCOUVER PROPOSED URBANART CONCEPT SYMPOSIUM

Appearing on the Agenda for the February 2, 1976 meeting of Council is a request from Genevieve Lemarchand for municipal sponsorship of a symposium in Burnaby later this year. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT Council express its support in principle for the proposed Urbanart Concept Symposium and its involvement in this Municipality; and
- 2. THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission be requested to have its "Beautification Committee" work with the Planning Department to pursue matters raised in the submission from the Sculpture Symposium Society of British Columbia with the understanding that a further report on specifics will be referred to Council in due course.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 29, 1976

TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM:

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: PROPOSED URBANART CONCEPT SYMPOSIUM

Appearing on the Council Agenda is an item of correspondence from G. Lemarchand, Chairman of the Organization Committee for Urbanart, concerning the proposed Concept Symposium which is to be held in this area in the summer of 1976.

From the information that has been presented to the Planning Department it is apparent that the efforts represented by this Symposium could provide a very real benefit of heightening public consciousness of the contribution that various forms of art can make to the urban experience.

It is felt that the proposal represents a worthwhile endeavor that is consistent with recent expressions of interestby the Municipal Council relating to the provision of art in public places, and the emerging Metrotown development proposal would be greatly enhanced by the incorporation of the ideas which might stem from such a Symposium. It is our recommendation that the Council express its support in principle for the proposal.

With such support in principle and upon the authority being given by Council, the Planning Department would propose to work in the area of defining the competition area or areas in Burnaby that would be appropriate, studying ways in which participation by the Corporation could be best offered, and the other matters mentioned by Ms. Lemarchand.

As members of Council may be aware, the first meeting of the Burnaby Beautification Committee took place on January 26, 1976 and this project may be one in which their participation appropriate and welcomed.

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## For these reasons, it is recommended that

- 1. the Council express its support in principle for the proposed URBANART Concept Symposium and its involvement in this Municipality, and
- 2. that Council authorize the Planning Department, in conjunction with the Burnaby Beautification Committee, to pursue the matters raised in the submission and provide a further report to Council giving specifics in due course.

A. L. Parr, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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c.c. Parks and Recreation Administrator
Chairman, Burnaby Beautification Committee
Municipal Clerk