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Emanating from the 1973 Public Meetings Program were certain growth management and land use policies amendments designed to better help direct the preservation, development and redevelopment of the various sectors of the Municipality. Basic to the initiation of the 1973 Program was a recognition of the need to undertake similar policy reviews on a periodic basis to provide for subsequent policy formulation and refinement. Given the fact that many of the policy recommendations from the Phase One Public Meetings Program have been implemented, staff are of the opinion that consideration should be given to initiating a similar series of public meetings during 1977.

One of the more successful results of the 1973 Public Meeting Program was the establishment of a Public Information Program which was designed to help keep citizen groups, individuals and other interested parties better apprised of ongoing matters relating to the development of the Municipality. Three basic services are provided to participants of the Public Information Program. These are:

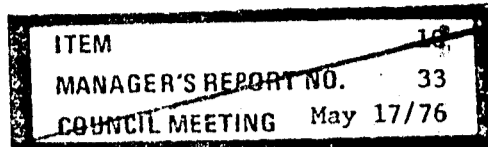
1. the ongoing distribution of relevant reports on the basis of subject and/or geographic coverage
2. the notification of upcoming Public Hearings
3. the designation of contact representatives within the Planning Department to streamline enquiries and feedback comments.

This ongoing Public Information Program is currently serving 46 citizen and business groups and individuals within the Municipality providing an open opportunity for citizen feedback and commentary.

In addition to this program, the Municipality normally holds public meetings to discuss major policy issues prior to their final consideration by Council. Representative topics of this nature include the Apartment Study, adoption of the Zoning By-law and amendments, the Big Bend Development Plan, the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area and the Public Meetings, Phase One recommendations. In each case, representation has been invited from interested parties and individuals to outline their sentiment relative to the policy issue at hand. Normally concurrent with this action is Council's submission of major planning matters to the Advisory Planning Commission for its review and subsequent recommendation.

The purpose of this brief overview of the various vehicles for public participation in this Municipality is to illustrate that there are mechanisms currently available to facilitate an ongoing review of major planning policy guiding development in the Municipality. The opinion of staff that the formation of a Municipal Task Force is premature at this time is unchanged from that previously stated. Should more specific information be provided on the various strategies proposed that would indicate a special need to establish a Municipal Task Force, then Council can decide at that time whether to elect this alternative or deal with it in the usual way by holding public meetings and soliciting input from groups such as the Advisory Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and other Municipal organizations and civic groups.

Re: LIVABLE REGION PROPOSAL



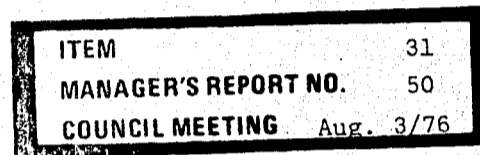
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Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding three proposals involving the Livable Region Plan as it applies to Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council confirm the figure of 171,500 as being the 1986 target figure for Burnaby.
2. THAT Council endorse the principle of the G.V.R.D. and Burnaby working jointly on the establishment of the Burnaby Regional Town Centre (Metrotown).
3. THAT no action be taken at present on the appointment of a Municipal Task Force, but that staff be requested to report periodically as information becomes available on the subject of implementation of the Livable Region Program.
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the G.V.R.D. Director of Regional Development.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MAY 11, 1976

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
SUBJECT: GVRD MEETING WITH COUNCIL
RE LIVABLE REGION PROPOSALS

At the above meeting held on May 5, 1976, Mr. W. Lane, Director of Regional Development for the GVRD requested the Burnaby Council to take the following matters under advisement:

1. Acceptance of a minimum 1986 population target of 171,500 persons for the Municipality of Burnaby.
2. Agreement to the GVRD and Burnaby working on a joint action program to ensure that the Burnaby Regional Town Centre (Metrotown) located in the vicinity of Kingsway and Central Park is well established and self sustaining by 1986.
3. Appointment of a Municipal Task Force to consider how the five Livable Region Strategies (Population Distribution, Employment Distribution, Regional Town Centres, Transportation and Open Space) can be furthered or implemented in the Municipality of Burnaby.

My comments on each are as follows:

1. 1986 Population Distribution

On July 21, 1975, Council considered a Planning Department report dated July 15, 1975 entitled "The Greater Vancouver Livable Region Report", and resolved to recommend to the GVRD the use of the Burnaby Planning Department population projection of 171,500 as the 1986 target figure for this municipality. Council was of the opinion that this projection was most realistic and should be adhered to during future considerations of the growth management concept.

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Council's instructions were followed in the staff meetings which followed with the result that the GVRD staff have now agreed with the 171,500 target figure for Burnaby.

This figure is supportive of the Livable Region Program, as it still provides for a strategy of concentrating population increase in the Central Municipalities of Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster and Richmond.

2. Joint Action Program for the Burnaby Regional Town Centre

The Burnaby Council as a result of earlier studies has already approved the establishment of a "Metrotown" in the Kingsway/Central Park area, and have instructed staff to produce a Concept Report for Council consideration.

This work is underway now with close liaison being maintained with the GVRD staff. The report is expected to be complete in the autumn of 1976, at which time all concerned will be much more aware of actions required and responsibilities to be shared in the implementation of the Regional Town Centre strategy in general, and Burnaby Metrotown in particular.

3. Municipal Task Force

The implementation of the Livable Region Program through its various strategies is an extremely complex subject, and at the moment requires a considerable amount of technical work to arrive at the various methods available to enable the GVRD municipalities to be primarily responsible for implementing the Program.

In my view it would be premature for Council to establish a Task Force comprised of political, technical and public representatives, until more information is available to the Council.

This information should be made available to Council through normal staff reporting, at which time Council can decide whether to create a special Task Force for this subject, or deal with it in the usual way by holding public meetings; or referring it to already established groups such as the Advisory Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Burnaby Chamber of Commerce, etc. Council, in view of the importance of this subject, may well decide to maintain control of it by either dealing with it in Council, or by establishing a Special Committee of Council.

In any case I would recommend against any action until more information is available on the various strategies, particularly those of employment distribution and transportation.

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It is recommended

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