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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	62
COUNCIL MEETING	Oct. 4/76

Re: EASTERN BURRARD INLET FORESHORE AREA: PARK PRESERVATION

Following is a report from the Director of Planning on a proposed park reservation by-law relative to the Eastern Burrard Inlet Foreshore Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council request the Municipal Solicitor to prepare the necessary park reservation by-law for those properties shown on the attached map.

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Planning Department  
September 30, 1976

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

RE: EASTERN BURRARD INLET FORESHORE AREA: PARK PRESERVATION

A. BACKGROUND

The report which follows has been prepared as a result of two Council actions which relate directly to the implementation of the development plan concept for the area, as well as its continuing preservation.

The first of these was the adoption of a resolution on January 12, 1976, requesting the Planning Department to report on the feasibility and desirability of dedicating all lands owned by the Municipality in the area as dedicated parklands. The question of a parks reservation by-law was also raised at the Council meeting on September 7, 1976.

The second action taken by the Council was the final adoption of the proposed area rezonings (R.Z. # 17/76) on July 5, 1976, in order to implement the previously approved development plan. Corporation owned parcels which were zoned P3 (Park and Public Use) at that time, as well as those which were previously zoned to this category, are shown on the attached map. These are the properties which should be considered for park preservation. The Barnet Beach site is already covered by a park reservation by-law and has therefore not been included.

The Municipal Act specifies that the reservation or dedication of land by a Municipality for public purposes must be limited to Municipally owned land. This has been applied in the report which follows although additional properties could be effected should they come under Municipal ownership in the future.

B. OBSERVATIONS

The alternatives which are available in the Municipal Act for parkland preservation include the dedication and the reservation of Municipally owned land for public purposes.

The former requires, except where a property has an area of one acre or less, the assent of the electors of the Municipality. This applies both to the dedicating and undedicating of land.

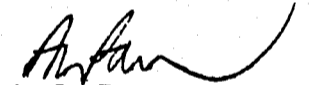
A reservation, on the other hand, does not require the assent of the electors. However, a reservation may only be removed by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council and the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council who may, before granting such approval, direct that the assent of the electors be obtained.

While the dedication or reservation of land for park purposes would form a necessary part of a program for the preservation of the area and the implementation of the development plan, the amendment of the Official Regional Plan is a further step which should be taken in order to achieve the desired objectives. This will be dealt with in a further report to the Council.

With respect to the dedication or reservation of Municipally owned lands for park purposes, the latter approach is much more easily applied and provides almost the same degree of control. This was the method employed by the Parks and Recreation Commission early in 1975 to protect a number of park sites in the Municipality.

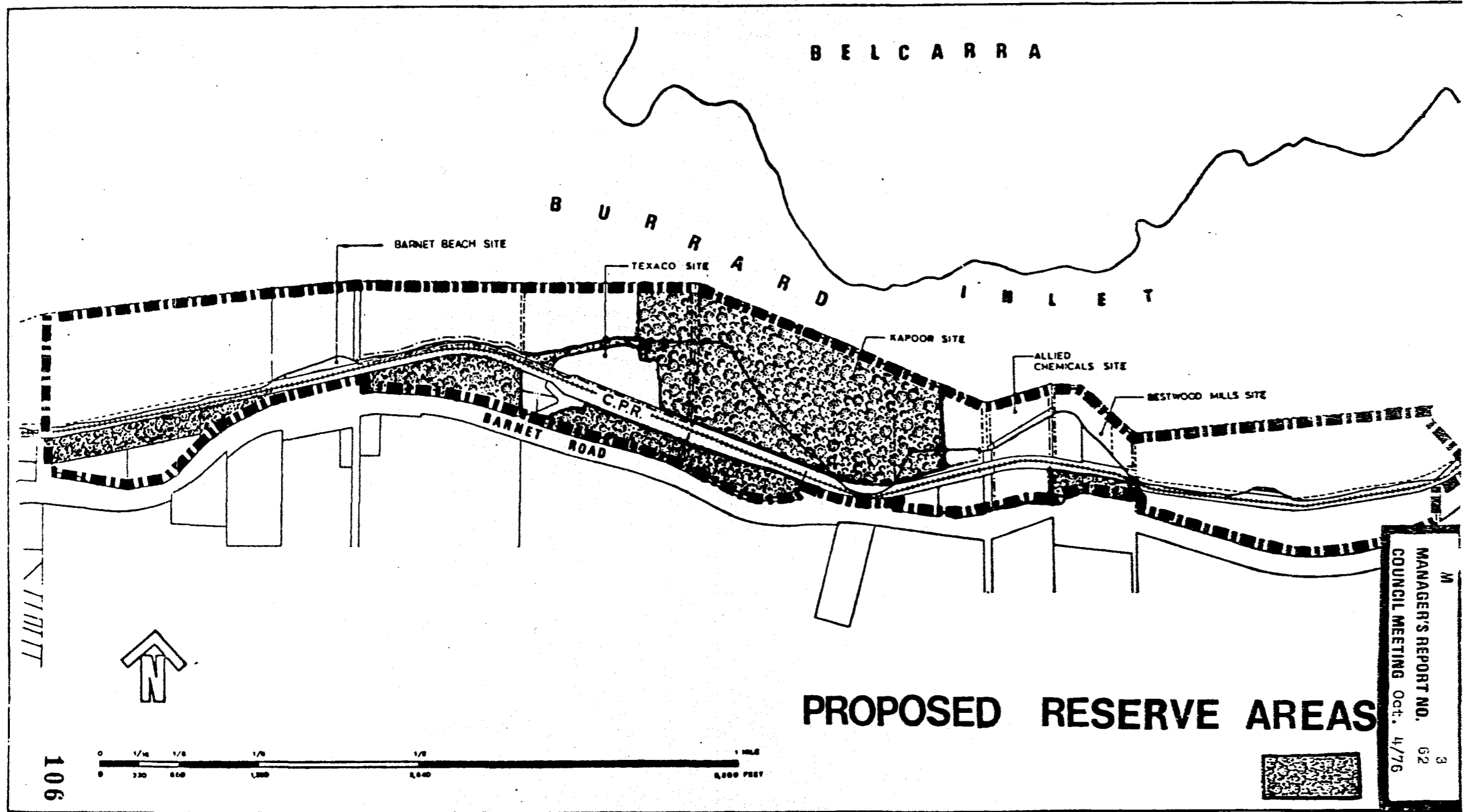
C. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council request the Municipal Solicitor to prepare the necessary park reservation by-law for those properties shown on the attached map.

  
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**PROPOSED RESERVE AREAS**

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