Re: 1977 PROVISIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 1
COUNCIL MEETING Jan. 10/77

Attached you will find a copy of the above.

This document will receive further scrutiny from the Manager prior to the submission of the 1977 Annual General Budget.

When the 1977 Provisional General Budget was submitted, the Manager on Fage IV of his letter of transmittal noted that he was concerned with the fact that the Parks and Recreation Commîssion had provided no funds in its 1977 Budget for the acquisition of any park land, with the exception of the site for the recreation center proposed in northeast Burnaby. At that time, the Municipal Manager noted that we realistically may indeed have to face up to some parks land acquisitions in 1977, even though we may be able to minimize this need. The deletion of any sums of money for the acquisition of parks land in 1977 simply means the deferral of acquisitions rather than the abolishment of parks land acquisition programs. There appears to be no major barrier to minimizing the acquisitions for 1977 for parks purposes, but this should not be done to the detriment of sound Municipal planning. Provision will probably have to be made in our Municipal contingency account in the General Budget to overcome this problem should it arise. The 1977 Provisional Capital Improvement Program attached reflects the submission included in the 1977 Provisional General Budget as it presently stands.

Also included in the 1977 Provisional Capital Improvement Program is a list of Local Improvement works which have just been initiated, and we are now in the process of summarizing the petitions received against the work. The Municipal Clerk will be forwarding his Certificates of Sufficiency to Council at its meeting of January 10, 1977, and it will be seen that a great many of the works have been defeated. This, of course, will affect the magnitude of Schedule H - Local Improvements - Streets as included in the 1977 Provisional C.I.P., and the end result will be reflected in the 1977 - 1982 Capital Improvement Program when it is submitted in April or May.

We are presently pursuing the matter of what capital works to do as a result of the failure of the 1976 Referendum, and the results of the review by the Capital Improvement Program Committee and the Library Board could have a major bearing on the Capital Improvement Program as it is finally adopted prior to May 15, 1977.

The 1977 Provisional Capital Improvement Program is submitted for the study of Council, so that it can be reviewed at the same time that the 1977 Provisional General Budget is considered. If adopted, it will form a guide for the staff which can be used for planning purposes. Specific authority will be requested from Council if it is necessary to advance any portion of the Program prior to its final adoption as part of the 1977 - 1982 Capital Improvement Program, which by statute must be adopted by May 15, 1977.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Council table the 1977 Provisional Capital Improvement Program and consider it immediately after it has adopted the 1977 Provisional Operating or General Budget, and vary it as deemed necessary to complement the 1977 Provisional General Budget as finally adopted by Council.

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