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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 27

COUNCIL MEETING Apr. 12/77

Re: BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING
(Item 8, Report No. 25, April 4, 1977)

On April 4, 1977, Council received a report advising that the Burnaby Beautification Committee has expressed strong support for the inclusion of a tree planting program in the 1977 C.I.P., and that such a program is currently being prepared by staff for inclusion in this year's C.I.P.

The Municipal Manager is concerned that the wording used could easily imply that the planting program will definitely be included in the 1977 C.I.P. The Council should be made aware that a tree planting program was not provided for in the 1977 Provisional C.I.P. which Council has already received and approved. It does not appear likely that such a program could be included in the final 1977 C.I.P. unless something else is deleted, especially when one considers the extra demands on the budget because of the joint Parks and Recreation/Library complex for North-East Burnaby and the Kensington Overpass.

Upon reflection, it would have been better to point out in Item 8, April 4, 1977, that the Planning Department is in the process of preparing a tree planting plan for the Municipality, and when adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council, we hope that some way will be found of making a start on this program in 1977, although this cannot be guaranteed.

In conclusion, it is still too early to say what the final staff recommendation will be with regard to inclusion of the tree planting program in the C.I.P.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Burnaby Beautification Committee, in place of Item 8 Report 25, April 4, 1977.

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