

Re: LETTER FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE JULY 4, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3a) LOWER LONSDALE WATERFRONT PARK

On July 4, 1977, Council received a letter from the City of North Vancouver regarding a waterfront park. Following is a report containing additional information that Council requested on that occasion.

Staff does not foresee any direct benefits to Burnaby if the park as proposed is developed in North Vancouver. However, the park, which would be closely allied to the Seabus Ferry Terminal, would complement existing and future parks in this region, and would be quite desirable from this point of view. Any endorsation by Council, therefore, would in essence result in only indirect or fringe benefits to residents of our community.

This is for the information of Council.

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Planning Department July 26, 1977

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT:

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

The Municipal Council, at its meeting of July 4, 1977 in considering a request by The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver to support its petition for a waterfront park, resolved that the subject be referred to staff for a report. The purpose of this report is to apprise Council of the facts underlying the request for a waterfront park by the City of North Vancouver as follows:

- 1. The former Provincial Government, in March, 1974, expropriated 16.7 acres of land and 22.9 acres of water between Lonsdale Avenue and Mahon Avenue for the Seabus ferry terminal (see Figure 1).
- 2. The City of North Vancouver has established that there is an urgentneed for a substantial waterfront park on a portion of the expropriated property in the Lower Lonsdale area.
- 3. The area suggested by the City for the waterfront park is 4.6 acres in extent and was formerly owned by Ocean Cement Limited.

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- 4. The Honourable Mr. Hugh Curtis, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, at a meeting held on November 22, 1976 with the North Vancouver City Council, acknowledged that some of the expropriated area should be set aside for public use. The Minister was also of the opinion that this aspect should be considered when a decision is made on the use of those lands not required for the ferry terminal.
- 5. The City has petitioned the Provincial Government on numerous occasions since the November 22, 1976 meeting and authorized its Planning Consultants to negotiate with the Provincial Government for the park -- all to no avail. Furthermore, the City of North Vancouver has been unable to obtain an indication from the Provincial Government on its future development plans for the exproprirated lands not required by the ferry terminal.
- 6. It is in view of the above described factors that The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver has requested support from member municipalities of the G.V.R.D. to support the City in its petition for a waterfront park.

This report is submitted for the information of Council.

A. L. Parr DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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