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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	67
COUNCIL MEETING	Oct. 3/77

Re: LETTER FROM THE B. C. HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY
850 S. W. MARINE DRIVE, VANCOUVER
B. C. HYDRO TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN VANCOUVER

Appearing on the agenda for the October 3, 1977 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. W. A. Duncan, General Manager of Transportation for the B. C. Hydro and Power Authority, regarding changes in transit services. It will be recalled that Council on September 19, 1977 inquired about changes that were taking place, particularly with respect to a reduction of services in Vancouver which would presumably have an affect on commuters in Burnaby. Comments on Mr. Duncan's correspondence and Council's inquiry are contained in the following report from the Director of Planning and the Municipal Engineer.

Mr. Duncan in a telephone discussion on September 29th advised that his organization is mindful of the existing policy to notify Council of all changes to services that affect Burnaby with the exception of only those that are very minor in nature, e.g., adding a bus to a route. As pointed out during this discussion, Council and staff are normally informed of a proposed change about three months in advance of its anticipated effective date. It appears that this was an oversight in this particular instance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council oppose B. C. Hydro's proposal to discontinue any trips or reduce current service levels on the 41 - Forty First route which services Burnaby.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. W. A. Duncan.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: B.C. HYDRO TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN VANCOUVER

Reference is made to the September 19, 1977 Council enquiry on the above subject matter.

The Planning Department has contacted the B.C. Hydro Transit Operations Planning staff with regard to the above captioned matter and the correspondence dated September 22, 1977 from B.C. Hydro has been provided.

Approximately four years ago the Provincial Bureau of Transit Services extended late night transit service from 1:10 a.m. to 3:10 a.m. on a number of Vancouver routes. Recently, B.C. Hydro conducted a study over a six month period to assess the value of this late night service. The results of the study indicated that there was extremely low patronage on certain of these routes in Vancouver. Hydro therefore proposed to reduce service on the least used routes and anticipate to redirect some of the savings in cost resulting from a reduction in the late night service to upgrading service needs on other routes.

Notwithstanding the ^{proposed} ~~improved~~ late night service improvements for Burnaby as mentioned in Hydro's correspondence, the Planning and Engineering Departments would jointly comment that while we appreciate the periodic need to adjust transit services to reflect public response relative to the service provided utilizing operational economics, as one of the criterion, we believe that the transit

services currently available should be stabilized to where each route in the network and its service characteristics gains the confidence of the travelling public. The 41 - Forty First service is a case in point.


In view of the development potential of the Burnaby Metrotown area in residential accommodation alone and the need for improved transit linkage between east-west routes and well established north-south routes, the Planning and Engineering Departments cannot support the proposed reduction in the 41 - Forty First service at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

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