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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING Jan. 31/77

Re: LETTER FROM L. BLANCHARD WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
JANUARY 24, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4d)
TRANSPORTATION IN BURNABY

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from L. Blanchard which contained a number of suggestions on how the transit system can be improved. Following is a report from the Director of Planning and the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Director of Planning's and Municipal Engineer's recommendations be adopted; and
2. THAT a copy of the report be sent to L. Blanchard.

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Planning Department,
January 26, 1977
Our File #08.610

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
RE: LETTER FROM LESLEY S. BLANCHARD DATED 13, JANUARY 1977-TRANSPORTATION IN BURNABY.

Council at their meeting of January 24, 1977 received a letter from L. Blanchard identifying improvements desirable to the bus service presently serving Burnaby residents. Many of the points identified in Mr. Blanchard's letter are already the subject of ongoing discussions being held with B. C. Hydro and were identified in the Planning Dept. report "Public Transit In Burnaby". This report, including terms of reference for future transit requirements, was approved by Council on November 22nd, 1976 and has been forwarded to the B. C. Hydro, Bureau of Transit Services, GVRD Planning Dept., and Dept. of Highways for their review.

However, there is one item cited by the correspondent that the Planning Dept. feels is worthy of full support. That is the question of providing bus shelters as a means of improving the appeal and serviceability of bus transit.

The past B. C. Hydro policy has been to not provide any bus shelters. However, the Planning Dept feels that adequate weather protection and seats are a desirable component of the total transit system and therefore should remain a prime responsibility of the transit authority to provide. Council, in the report "Public Transit in Burnaby" approved the recommendation . . . "That Council request the transportation authority to design and provide complete service facilities at each major transit focus (e. g. parking, seats, shelter, telephones, washrooms etc.) at the earliest possible time and preferably when the service is inaugurated". This recommendation was directed specifically to interchange facilities and did not address the question of stops elsewhere.

In an endeavour to satisfy the many requests for bus shelters, particularly from Senior Citizens' developments, Council have instructed the Engineering Dept. to install a limited number of bus shelters. To this end, a budget of \$25,000 was approved in 1976 and would accommodate a limited number of shelters of varying design and price. The first shelter has been installed at a cost of approximately \$1800 adjacent Edmonds House and Kingsway Reference Library on Kingsway at Walker. This is only one of several possible types of shelter which will be in-

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stalled and on which we would expect to receive comment as a basis for comparison.


It is apparent from the attached map that the extensive number of bus stops and hence costs precludes the municipality from erecting shelters at all locations and that efforts should be concentrated at locations where need is evident such as senior citizens' homes, busy commercial centres and at prime recreational facilities.


B. C. Hydro state that they are presently interested in upgrading shelter facilities at offstreet locations such as transit interchanges, and maintain that as yet they have not devoted funds toward onstreet bus stops. With over 5,000 bus stops in the Lower Mainland they maintain the expense would be formidable. Also B. C. Hydro pointed out that Vancouver City have erected some 300 shelters to date, at City expense, and are examining some commercial proposals involving advertising options which may lessen the cost.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended

1. THAT the Planning and Engineering Departments expedite a report on alternative designs for bus shelters giving full consideration to functional and aesthetic aspects as well as costs.
2. THAT Council, on receipt of the report cited in recommendation 1, make a selection from the range of bus shelters that can be accommodated within existing and future budget appropriations.
3. THAT the Planning and Engineering Depts. be instructed to meet with B. C. Hydro and jointly identify prime sites for the location of a limited number of bus shelters.
4. THAT L. Blanchard be thanked for suggestions on ways to improve transit in Burnaby and that the correspondent be sent a copy of this report.
5. THAT B. C. Hydro Transportation Division be sent a copy of this report.


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