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

Re: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKE-WORK PROGRAM

Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding a proposed application for a grant under the Canada Works Program.

The Parks and Recreation Administrator advises that there are sufficient funds in the budget to provide for the Municipal share of the work involved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the Canada Works Program outlined in Item 7 (Supplementary), Administrator's Report No. 2, dated January 26, 1977; and
2. THAT the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and submit a detailed program and application.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

January 27, 1977

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR

RE: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKE-WORK PROGRAM

At its meeting of January 26, 1977, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached report and approved both recommendations. In so doing, the Commission has approved the program in principle and instructed staff to proceed with the preparation and submission of a detailed program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the Canada Works Program outlined in Item 7 (Supplementary), Administrator's Report No. 2, dated January 26, 1977.
2. THAT staff be authorized to prepare and submit a detailed program and application.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Gaunt*  
D. Gaunt,  
ADMINISTRATOR

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Attachment

RE: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKE-WORK PROGRAMS

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During recent discussions regarding an application for Federal funds for tree planting (under a Local Initiatives Program), the Commission requested that they be made aware of any future programs so that consideration could be given to applying for assistance for the development of Burrard Inlet.

The Treasurer has advised us of a Canada Works Program which runs for 52 weeks from April 4, 1977 to March 31, 1978. The grant is equivalent to approximately 50% of a labourer wage and has a maximum of \$180,000 of Federal funds.

On the 25th of January, staff met with representatives of Federal Manpower and Immigration, and have ascertained that applications will be entertained to add additional staff to Parks and Recreation crews.

In a Parks maintenance program there are many items of work which fall in the area between major maintenance and minor development. We do not have sufficient maintenance funds to do this work and our Capital priorities would never allow them to be done under Capital budgeting. It is our intent that the CanadaWorks staff would work on such projects. In addition, they can be assigned work on construction and maintenance of trails and a limited number of construction projects which are labour intensified; for example, that portion of the Burrard Inlet development which includes hand clearing of bush areas.

The Corporation is in a difficult position when applying for these grants because they are awarded on a Federal-riding basis and we must make three (3) applications to different committees to fund a Municipal-wide program.

We propose the work be undertaken in the 1977 calendar year only because a major portion of the Corporation's funding will come from our annual maintenance budget. We would, therefore, propose to employ such staff between April 4, 1977 and December 31, 1977. The details of the work program have still to be completed, but the maximum would be for twelve (12) employees for the thirty-nine (39) weeks specified, requiring a maximum Federal contribution of \$135,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Commission approve and recommend to Council the Canada Works Program as outlined above.
2. THAT staff be authorized to prepare and submit a detailed program and application.

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