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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 17

COUNCIL MEETING Mar. 7/77

Re: LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE ALEX V. FRASER,
MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS
NORTH ROAD BETWEEN HIGHWAY NO. 1 AND NEW WESTMINSTER

Appearing on the agenda for the March 7, 1977 meeting of Council is a letter from the Honourable Alex V. Fraser, Minister of Highways and Public Works, regarding North Road.

It is not possible to provide detailed information on the sharing of costs now because, while the formula would ordinarily be 50% by the Department of Highways and 25% by Burnaby and 25% by Coquitlam with respect to construction, the matter is complicated to some extent by the involvement of the C.T.C. who will provide funds up to a fixed amount and a percent on the remaining amount. With respect to the shareable costs involving road construction and right-of-way acquisitions, the net cost to Burnaby is expected to be approximately 40% of the total. Specific information on this matter will be referred to Council when details on design and costs become available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT Council seek endorsement from Coquitlam Council for the reconstruction of North Road under the Secondary Highway Program.
- 2. THAT Burnaby and Coquitlam jointly make application to the Minster of Highways and Public Works for cost sharing on the shareable construction costs under the Secondary Highway Program for reconstruction and widening of North Road and bridge structures between Highway No. 1 and the New Westminster border.
- 3. THAT Council endorse advancing the project items to the years indicated in the Capital Improvement Program as outlined in the Director of Planning's report, subject to the approval of the Capital Improvement Program Committee.
- 4. THAT the Engineer be directed to prepare the necessary plans and detailed costs as may be required by the Minister of Highways and Public Works.
- 5. THAT copies of this report be forwarded to Coquitlam and New Westminster for their information and appropriate action.
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Planning Department, March 2, 1977 Our File #08.640-North Road

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

RE: NORTH ROAD BETWEEN HIGHWAY NO. 1 AND NEW WESTMINSTER.

INTRODUCTION

Appearing in the correspondence to Council for the March 7, 1977 regular Council meeting are two letters related to the above subject from the Honourable the Minister of Highways and Public Works, Alex V. Fraser addressed to the Municipal Clerk of the District of Coquitlam and City of New Westminster respectively.

The Minister advises that a request for funds for reconstruction of North Road between Highway No. 1 and New Westminster will be considered favorably by the Ministry. The Minister further advises that he is prepared to consider recommending an Order-in-Council for funding assistance under Section 42(4) of the Highway Act for that part of North Road in New Westminster south of the New Westminister border to 8th Avenue.

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Item 11 of the Municipal Manager's Report No. 47 to the July 7/75 Council meeting included cost estimates for each of the nine "A" priority projects for Council's consideration in deciding which projects should be included in the 1975 Major Roads Money By-law. Council resolved to not include the subject section of North Road in the money by-law.

CURRENT STATUS

Subsequent to the above North Road has been carried annually, as it was before the Burnaby Transportation Study report, as a Capital Improvement Program item dependent upon adequate funding becoming available for costs shareable with Coquitlam and the Dept. of Highways. The latter agency was looked upon as the key or catalyst in the street improvement because generally funding would not become available from the Province unless the road was seen by the Dept. of Highways as a high provincial priority.

The scheduling of North Road within the current 1976-1981 C.I.P. is as follows:

Design -in 1978 Property Acquisition -in 1978

Construction

-was divided equally over a two year year period beginning in 1981. Completion of project construction would be beyond the current 1976-1981

program.

With regard to the forthcoming 1977-1982 Capital Improvement Program in course of preparation the Planning Department proposes to schedule the North Road project as follows:

Design in 1977 \$ 68,500 * Property Acquisition in 1977 \$ 414,140 * Construction in 1978 \$ 900,125 * Construction in 1979 \$ 990,135 *

* It should be noted that these estimates include allowance for inflation, are gross cost figures which are shareable with the various parties involved, and include the structure costs over the Burlington Northern Railway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended

- 1. THAT Burnaby Council seek endorsement from Coquitlam Council for the reconstruction of North Road under the Secondary Highway program.
- 2. THAT Burnaby and Coquitlam joinly make application to the Minister of Highways and Public Works for cost sharing on the shareable construction costs under the Secondary Highway program for reconstruction and widening of North Road and bridge structures between Highway No. 1 and the New Westminster border.

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- 3. THAT Council endorse advancing of the project items to the years indicated in the Capital Improvement Program as outlined herein.
- 4. THAT the Engineer be directed to prepare the necessary plans and detailed costs as may be required by the Minister of Highways and Public Works.
- 5. THAT copies of this report be forwarded to Coquitlam and New Westminster for their information and appropriate action.

A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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c.c. Municipal Engineer
Municipal Treasurer