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COUNCIL MEETING 1978 06 23

Re: BARNET MARINE PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN: LEVEL CROSSING APPLICATION

Following is a status report from the Director of Planning on the construction of the automated at-grade public crossing of the C.P. Rail line required for unrestricted access to the Barnet Marine Park.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT 1978 JUNE 07

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: BARNET MARINE PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

LEVEL CROSSING APPLICATION

Over an extended period of time, Municipal staff have been endeavouring to obtain the necessary approvals required for the construction of the automated at-grade public crossing of the Canadian Pacific rail line required for unrestricted access to the Barnet Marine Park.

As a result of considerable opposition to the crossing by the C.P.R. and a discovery of a senior road allowance traversing the railway which would likely result in some economic advantages to the Municipality with respect to a possible vehicular overpass, staff have undertaken and completed a preliminary reassessment of the adopted Master Plan for the Barnet Marine Park. Emanating from this reassessment, the Staff Technical Committee associated with the initial development of the Park is of the opinion that certain revisions to the adopted Master Plan would be beneficial from both an operational and accessibility viewpoint.

The primary revision presently under more detailed investigation relates to the use and means of access to the eastern portions of the Marine Park where the marina and boat launching facilities are envisaged. Should the revisions under review prove feasible it is anticipated, from discussions with the Canadian Transport Commission, that the obtaining of the access approvals to the core area of the Marine Park would be greatly expedited.

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In addition, it is felt that certain economic and operational advantages would occur resulting in an improved Master Plan for the development of Barnet Marine Park.

Staff is presently undertaking a more detailed look at the proposed amendments including preliminary discussions with principals of Allied Chemical Limited, with a view towards submitting a report on the subject for the consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Municipal Council.

The Parks and Recreation Commission were apprised of the possible revisions under review at their meeting of 1978 June 07.

This report is submitted for the information of the Municipal Council.

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