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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 14
COUNCIL MEETING 78 02 20

Re: BURNABY METROTOWN
A DEVELOPMENT PLAN - JUNE 1977

The comments of the Parks and Recreation Commission relative to the Metrotown concept are contained in the following report from the Administrator.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council receive the Parks and Recreation Commission's in-principle endorsement of the report "Burnaby Metrotown", with the understanding that it has been recognized as a concept and as having due regard to the points raised in the Parks and Recreation Administrator's report #4, Item 6 dated 1978 February 15 (see attachment); and
2. THAT Council authorize the move into the next phase of the development of this plan.

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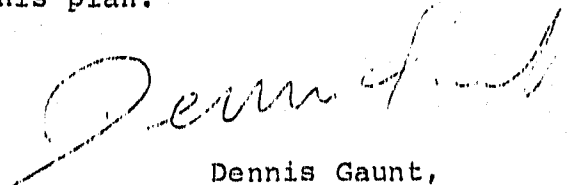
TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1978 FEBRUARY 16
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR
RE: BURNABY METROTOWN
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At its meeting of 1978 February 15, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject.

The Commission endorsed in principle the report "Burnaby Metrotown", recognizing it as a concept and having due regard to the points raised in the staff report.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council be advised that the Parks and Recreation Commission endorses in-principle the report "Burnaby Metrotown", recognizing it as a concept and having due regard to the points raised in the Parks and Recreation Administrator's Report No. 4, Item 6 dated 1978 February 15.
2. THAT Council authorize the move into the next phase of the development of this plan.


Dennis Gaunt,
ADMINISTRATOR.

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Page 44, 4.2 - PREFERRED CONCEPT

The land-use concepts on page 45 show two neighbourhood parks; namely, Inman Avenue at Bond and Willingdon Avenue, which have not yet been accepted and approved by the Commission. Both sites are still in the discussion stage between the Planning and Parks & Recreation staff.

Page 69, 5.3 - OPEN SPACE NETWORK PLAN

The green areas shown on this plan do not necessarily represent parks but are intended to show the pedestrian connections between various aspects of the plan, some of which may be through parks and trails but others of which will be through pedestrian side-walks, road closures, etc.

Page 70, 5.3.2 - BONSOR PARK - AREA 13

The use of Maywood Elementary School building as part of the Bonsor Community Centre requires further detailed review. If the school use of this property is ever phased out or is reduced to a point where a significant portion of the building becomes available for public use, the matter could be considered on its own merits at that time.

Page 70, 5.3.3 - B.C. HYDRO RIGHT-OF-WAY

The concept of the landscaped right-of-way is good; however, the question of quality and extent of these developments and the resulting costs attached thereto is of some concern to Parks and Recreation staff. Approval in principle should imply that the proposal will be subject to an economic feasibility review upon which firmer decisions will be made at a future time when the cost benefits of the facilities and their priority as opposed to other aspects of the parks and recreation system throughout Burnaby can be assessed. This comment respecting cost benefits, economic feasibility, and priority versus other parts of the municipality applies also to all other aspects of this report that have the Parks and Recreation implications.

Page 72, 5.3.5 - CENTRAL PARK TO DEER LAKE PARK LINKAGE

Approval in principle of this concept should be construed as authority to seek ways and means of implementation following which detailed presentations of the findings would then be subject to further decision by Commission and Council.

Page 72, 5.3.7 - RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACES

Comment upon this section which is summarized in the phrase, "adjustments to this neighbourhood park system should be pursued", is not possible until we are able to review which neighbourhood parks are being proposed. The Commission should reserve comment on this section until these details are made available.

Page 73, 5.3.8 - MUNICIPAL LINEAR PARK SYSTEM

No specific comment is possible until the Linear Park Study is finished and reviewed. The Commission should reserve comment upon this section until that time.

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CONCLUSION

In summary, staff recommends that the Commission endorse the plan in concept and recommend to Council that the next steps in the implementation of the plan be taken. Matters of concern that should be incorporated within the initial work program include:

- (1) the costs to our open space budgeting system;
- (2) the priorities of these acquisitions in relation to the needs of other sections of the municipality;
- (3) the timing of the implementation and thus the related rate of expenditures;
- (4) the development costs; and
- (5) the maintenance costs in perpetuity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Commission endorse in principle the report, "Burnaby Metrotown", recognizing it as a concept and having due regard to the points raised in the above report.
2. THAT the Commission communicate its opinion to Council and recommend that Council move into the next phase of the development of this plan.

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