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RE: REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE
IN THE BIG BEND AREA

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding
the review of an agricultural land reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report of the Director of Planning
be received for information purposes.

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Planning Department
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
RE: REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE
IN BIG BEND AREA

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REPORT

BACKGROUND:

In 1978 March the Chairman of the British Columbia Agricultural Land Commission met with staff to discuss the boundaries and use of the lands in the Agricultural Land Reserve in Burnaby. At this meeting it was agreed that a review should be undertaken and that this review would involve a cooperative effort by our respective staffs leading towards a report to the Municipal Council and the Agricultural Land Commission.

The thrust of this review is twofold. Firstly, the boundaries of the Reserve are to be examined in light of the intended use of the lands and their capability to support agriculture. Secondly, the needs of the agricultural community to remain a viable entity are to be established and efforts to reinforce this viability are to be initiated.

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This review is envisaged as establishing defensible boundaries for agriculture, thereby removing the development pressures from the farmlands and providing stability to the agricultural community. This stability is proposed to be achieved not simply through an adjustment to the boundaries of the Reserve, but as well, through the initiation of an action program which will see a substantial amount of additional land being brought into agricultural production.

EXISTING SITUATION

Several meetings have been held between the Planning Department, the Land Commission's staff and staff from the Ministry of Agriculture. The Land Commission intends to initiate preliminary discussions with the Provincial Environment and Land Use Committee, with the Lower Mainland Growers Association, land owners and the farmers to receive their input into the study. Once additional background information has been assembled and an initial policy recommendation formulated, a preliminary report will be submitted to Council for direction. Completion of this report is anticipated in early 1979.

This is for the information of Council.


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