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RE: LETTER FROM MRS. L. STABLES
SECRETARY - PARENTS' ASSOCIATION,
SECOND STREET SCHOOL,
8050 - 14th AVENUE, BURNABY, V3N 2B6
REQUEST FOR TREES ADJACENT TO THE SECOND STREET SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mrs. Stables be sent a copy of this report and the attached guidelines which explain how streets are selected for the Municipality's Tree Planting Program.

REPORT

Appearing on the agenda for the 1979 April 17 meeting of Council is a request to the Planning Department from Mrs. L. Stables for trees to be planted on 17th Avenue near the Second Street School.

As noted in the attached acknowledgment which staff sent to Mrs. Stables on 1979 April 11, the high incidence of vandalism to trees in areas adjacent to schools has caused such locations to be given a low priority in the Municipality's Tree Planting Program. Although we are not suggesting that students are primarily responsible for these wanton acts of destruction, it is nevertheless a matter of record that a young tree's chances of survival are very poor if it is planted near a school.

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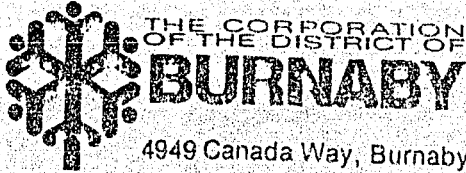
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The streets on which trees are being proposed were selected on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. Services, i.e. sewer, water, hydro and gas, should be already in place, since later installation of services will damage or destroy the trees.
2. The street should be to a completed standard with paving, curbs and gutters and no widening foreseeable. Also, where the boulevard abuts vacant developable property, planting should be postponed until construction has been completed.
3. There should be no severe technical problems such as steep banks or planting strips of inadequate width to support the trees. (Of course if there is a portion only with steep banks, etc. this would not preclude the planting of the balance of the street.)
4. Arterials and collectors should generally receive higher priority than local residential streets. (Streets receiving use by large numbers of people should be considered before streets used by only a few people.)
5. If there are requests by groups of people for tree planting on their street, the street should be assigned high priority, (but subject to numbers 1 - 4 above).
6. Streets with relatively dense pedestrian flows should receive a higher priority than streets with lighter pedestrian use.
7. Streets with relatively heavy automobile traffic should receive a higher priority than streets with lower traffic volumes. The reasoning here is not only that more vehicle occupants see the trees but that trees can do much to purify air polluted by emissions from large quantities of automobiles.

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Mrs. L. Stables
Secretary - Parents' Association
Second Street School
8050 14th Avenue
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MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE

Dear Mrs. Stables:

Thank you for your letter, received 1979 April 10, in which you requested that trees be planted along 17th Avenue between First and Second Streets, abutting the Second Street School Playground.

I must point out to you that our experience has indicated a high evidence of vandalism of trees on boulevards abutting schools. Accordingly, we are now reluctant to plant trees on our boulevards when they are close to schools and tend to assign a very low priority to these areas.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more help to you. You may, however, wish to bring your request to the attention of the school board.

Yours truly,

A. L. Parr
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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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c.c. - Mr. T. Furness, Principal
Second Street School
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