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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	81
COUNCIL MEETING	1979 11 26

RE: INFORMATION ON SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS
 LOT 85, D.L. 2/15/148
 9000 FOREST GROVE DRIVE, ENCLAVE 6, BURNABY 200
 REZONING REFERENCE #34/79

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding the need for school facilities in the Burnaby 200 Community Plan Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director of Planning be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1979 NOVEMBER 20

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: ENQUIRY ON SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS — LOT 85, D.L. 2/15/148
 9000 FOREST GROVE DRIVE, ENCLAVE 6, BURNABY 200
 REZONING REFERENCE #34/79

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Final Adoption of Rezoning Reference #34/79 be only granted after written confirmation has been received from the Burnaby School Board that commitments have been achieved with the Ministry of Education for the provision of school facilities when required by the student population in the Burnaby 200 Community Plan area.

REPORT

Council at its meeting of 1979 October 29 received a rezoning report on a townhouse proposal in Burnaby 200 and advanced the rezoning to a Public Hearing on 1979 November 20. An enquiry was raised at this meeting as to the status of school facilities in the area.

Discussions have taken place with the School Board staff on this matter. As background, in anticipation of major rezoning proposals in Burnaby 200 (Rezoning Reference Numbers 45/75, 44/75, and 13/76) amounting to approximately 900 units, the establishment of a school facility in the West School Site was being pursued and line drawings for the facility had been prepared by the School Board architect. As only a small proportion of the proposed units were actually constructed, these school plans have been held in abeyance since that time.

In light of this subject rezoning and the probable development of other proposals in the Burnaby 200 area, the School Board staff has indicated that the establishment of the West School site facility will again be raised to a high priority and that funding commitments will be pursued with the Ministry of Education in discussions which are scheduled with Provincial representatives in December of this year.

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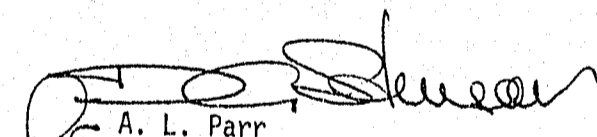
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For information, the School Board staff have also noted that the Ministry of Education places a low priority on requests for additional school facilities in those areas where alternative accommodation exists within the legally defined walk limits of two to three miles. The Ministry of Housing, the owner/developer of Burnaby 200, will be advised of the importance of constructing a school facility which is related to applications for development approval on further residential enclaves of Burnaby 200 and that the two Provincial Ministries should reach concurrence on the provision of a school facility when required by student numbers generated by Burnaby 200 developments.

The School Board staff have indicated that there is sufficient student capacity in the existing three schools in the overall area (Stoney Creek, Lyndhurst, and Cameron) to accommodate any interim student increases until such time as a new facility is provided. The current student population as of 1979 October 31 of these three existing schools is 730 plus two kindergartens while the operational capacity is 913 plus two kindergartens. Of note is the fact that student populations in new development areas do not necessarily meet expectations. Using a standard formula which is generally accurate for most newer housing projects in Burnaby, it was expected that the constructed initial 134 unit Forest Meadows development in Burnaby 200 would have generated up to 59 elementary school students but at this date, approximately one-half of this number of students have actually been generated.

In summary, the School Board staff have acknowledged that the provision of school facilities for students from further residential development in Burnaby 200 is a high priority and are pursuing steps to ensure that school facilities will be available when required. Should the negotiations being pursued by the School Board with the Ministry of Education be successful, the Planning Department is of the opinion that the assurance of the School Board staff that required school facilities will be provided is reasonable. In the light of this information, it is recommended that Final Adoption of Rezoning Reference #34/79 be granted after written confirmation has been received from the School Board that commitments have been achieved with the Ministry of Education for the provision of school facilities when required by the student population in the Burnaby 200 Community Plan area. It is hoped that this commitment could be achieved at the scheduled December meeting so as not to unduly delay any rezoning proposals being advanced.


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