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Re: STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
(Item 13, Report No. 4, 1979 January 15)

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding the Municipal Street Tree Planting Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1979 February 15

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
RE: STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT an article be placed within the 1979 May issue of "Information Burnaby" inviting residents to submit requests for tree planting, as described on page 2 of this report.
2. THAT \$20,000 of the total \$50,000 general revenue tree planting budget be allocated for planting trees by request, with the balance used for projects undertaken through municipal initiative.

REPORT

Council at its meeting of 1979 January 15, arising from discussion of the Street Tree Planting Program (Item 14, Manager's Report No. 4, 1979 January 15) adopted the following motion:

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"THAT the residents be advised perhaps by Information Burnaby that a Tree Planting Program is available on request and that the staff co-ordinate the requests so that all requests in a year are on hand prior to planting season and that they be funded in that manner."

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The selection of streets for tree planting is based upon the following guidelines as previously referred to in Item 13, Report No. 4, dated 1979 January 15:

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 a 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.

Further to Criterion No. 5 above, we propose that the following invitation be placed in the 1979 May issue of "Information Burnaby".

TREE PLANTING

"Residents on improved streets who would like trees planted on their street boulevard may submit requests to the Municipality.

The submission of a request does not guarantee that the street referred to in the request will be planted in the current year. Each street will be considered on its merit and assigned a priority. Planting will take place within the limitations of the annual tree planting budget. A street for which a request has been made but which cannot be dealt with in the current year will receive higher priority in the following year's program, assuming that planting on the street is practical.

Individual requests or signed petitions should be forwarded to Mr. Barry Elliott, Parks and Recreation Department, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1M2, or phone 294-7129. All requests should be received by 1979 May 31."