

RE: 1980 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANTS  
(ITEM 11, REPORT NO. 13, 1980 FEBRUARY 18)  
(ITEM 2, REPORT NO. 29, 1980 APRIL 14)

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	52
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 08 18

Following is a report from the Director of Planning on Planning Grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1980 August 12  
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING  
RE: 1980 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

One of the items of correspondence on Council's Agenda for 1980 August 18 is a letter (dated 1980 July 25) from The Honourable William N. Vander Zalm, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the approval of a grant for \$40,000 under the 1980 Planning Grant Program. Council at its meeting of 1980 February 18 resolved to make application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for grants to carry out three studies:

- a) Burnaby Transportation Study
- b) Hastings Corridor Study
- c) Residential Environment Study

and authorized the Planning Department to pursue the application to the Ministry.

The total cost for the three studies was estimated to be \$70,000 of which the Province would pay a maximum of two-thirds. The total grant applied for was, therefore, two-thirds of \$70,000 (i.e. \$46,667). The letter from the Minister advised that the full grant requested has been approved for the Burnaby Transportation Study and the Residential Environment Study and that 2/3 cost sharing will be available for only one-half of the Hastings Corridor Study budget of \$20,000. Consequently, the recovery from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to be applied to the cost of carrying each of these studies to completion would be \$6,667 short of budget projections.

However, the last paragraph of the Minister's letter implies some degree of flexibility with respect to the allocation of grant funds.

As it is anticipated that time and staff constraints will curtail the amount of work that can be carried out on the Burnaby Transportation Study (item a above) in the remainder of this year, we propose to ask the Ministry to support two-thirds of one-half of the total budget for this study and to request that two-thirds grant funding be applied to the full budget of the Hastings Corridor Study. As a result of this re-allocation, there will be no net change in the amount of the Provincial Grant, and there will be no impact on the 1980 Planning Department budget.

Work is progressing on all the studies and it is anticipated that the selection of consultants to carry out the Hastings Corridor and the Residential Environment Study will be the subject of forthcoming reports to Council.

This is for the information of Council.

  
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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING