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RE: LETTER FROM U.B.C. OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
 FOR THE 1980 JANUARY 21 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 2f)
 REQUEST TO HARVEST MATURE ALDER TREES

Appearing on last week's agenda was a request from Mr. Jake Whitehead of the U.B.C. Old Boys Rugby Club for permission to harvest alder trees. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1980 JANUARY 21
 FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
 SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM RUGBY CLUB TO HARVEST MATURE ALDER TREES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Jake Whitehead, Past President and Tour Chairman of the Old Boys Rugby Club, 7238 Cariboo Road, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 4A7

REPORT

BACKGROUND:

Appearing on the agenda for the 1980 January 21 Council meeting was a request from the U.B.C. Old Boys Rugby Club to harvest mature alder trees from lands adjacent to the Brunette River between the 401 Freeway and North Road. This property is under the ownership of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby.

EXISTING SITUATION:

The lands in question are located within an area which is designated for preservation and development as part of the linear park concept linking Hume Park in New Westminster and the Burnaby Lake Regional Park. This area is particularly sensitive in that efforts are currently

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underway through the Salmonid Enhancement Program to reintroduce fish stocks to the River System. Accordingly, it is envisaged that the area should be preserved as much as possible in it's natural state. Albeit, pedestrian trails will be developed and passive use of the park area encouraged.

Moreover, it is desirable to preserve as much of the natural vegetation as is possible to provide a buffer between the Freeway and future development in the Cariboo Study Area.

CONCLUSION:

The objective of the Rugby Club is to raise money for a proposed tour and, if at all possible, the Municipality should assist the Club. We have, therefore, advised the Rugby Club of an alternative site which is currently under development and which contains several alder trees which are to be cleared. The owner of these lands has consented to allow the Club to undertake this tree cutting. The Club has indicated that this arrangement is satisfactory, and the affected persons are now communicating with one another. There is nothing further for staff to do in this regard.


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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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cc: Municipal Solicitor
Parks and Recreation Administrator