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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	57
COUNCIL MEETING	1981 11 16

RE: WILLINGDON HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
STAGE III - IMPLEMENTATION-COMPLETION REPORT

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: WILLINGDON HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1981 NOVEMBER 06

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

SUMMARY:

The Willingdon Heights Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP) has reached the point of substantial completion where the Municipality is eligible for final and complete payment of the remaining Federal and Provincial commitments to the program. This report summarizes the projects undertaken through the Willingdon Heights NIP program and presents the final budget allocations which will be submitted to the senior levels of government.

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REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On 1978 May 23 Council approved the following recommendations:

1. THAT Council approve in principle the project proposals and the level of expenditure of funds outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council receive the Municipal Policy Recommendations as outlined in this report, and direct staff to pursue them.
3. THAT Council receive for information the Community Actions as outlined in this report.
4. THAT Council authorize the Director of Planning to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility for Stage III (Implementation) of the NIP program.
5. THAT Council authorize the Director of Planning to maintain the NIP site office with a staff of one planner and one planning assistant for a further period of approximately one year to pursue Stage III Implementation of the program.

Since that time staff have worked with area residents through the NIP Advisory Committee in pursuit of the projects and actions.

II. REVIEW OF NIP PROJECTS

Council, at various times throughout the implementation stage has received a report on each of the projects carried out with NIP monies. Those projects include;

1. Willington Heights Community Centre Expansion

This project is located in Willington Heights park and involved adding a games room, craft room, quiet room, multi-purpose room, exercise (universal gym) room, change rooms and major storage for outdoor park users (baseball, soccer), through additions to and renovation of the existing recreation centre. The expanded centre, which is nearing completion, will provide for a wide range of recreation, craft, meeting and general social opportunities.

2. Willington Heights Park

The overall upgrading of the park included a wide range of improvements such as; tennis courts with lighting, fitness circuit, playground, grass field upgrading, and considerable landscaping including paths, benches and annual beds. The completed park development is very popular with area residents.

3. Mini Park

A small neighbourhood park has been created at the corner of MacDonald Avenue and Georgia Street. The project includes the provision of play equipment for young children, and a space for adults to play bocci. In addition to providing much needed play space for small children, the park is turning out to be an attractive addition to the area.

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4. Bus Shelters

Shelters without advertising have been purchased by NIP from the Seaboard Advertising Company and installed on Douglas between Gilmore and Carleton eastbound, far side of Gilmore and on Gilmore at Parker northbound, far side. The shelters maintain continuity with the Municipal Bus Shelter Program and satisfy the needs of the area for shelters in key locations.

5. Street Tree Planting

Street trees have been planted along Pender, Parker, Union and Georgia Streets. The trees serve to complete the services, provide continuity and in some instances improve the separation between traffic and adjacent residences.

III. FINAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Due to the long period over which the NIP implementation is carried out and the unavoidable reality of changing costs inherent in the design/construction phase the actual allocations of monies have been adjusted. The adjustments are minor in nature and are within the Willingdon Heights NIP budget of \$1,000,000. The Municipal share of the costs remains constant at \$250,000. The final NIP allocations for each project are outlined below;

Project	Final NIP Allocation
1. Willingdon Heights Community Centre Expansion	\$ 511,150
2. Willingdon Heights Park	196,380
3. Mini Park	159,000
4. Bus Shelters	11,431
5. Street Tree Planting	31,817
6. Planning & Administration Phase I-III	90,222
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>
<u>Cost Sharing</u>	
Federal Government	\$ 500,000
Provincial Government	250,000
Municipality of Burnaby	250,000

IV. EPILOGUE

With the completion of the Willingdon Heights program Burnaby's commitment to and involvement in the Neighbourhood Improvement Program has come to an end. In combination with the Eastburn program, NIP has provided both a valuable opportunity to work with residents in each neighbourhood, and the funding support to carry out many of the planned actions. Results of NIP are quite visible in both neighbourhoods, especially with regard to parks improvements and Community Centre expansion/construction. The overall benefit of NIP to the Municipality and its residents can only be assessed over time.

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Tremendous potential exists in both the Eastburn and Willingdon Heights Community Centres to provide neighbourhood focuses which fulfill social, cultural and recreational needs. The general feeling of residents toward their neighbourhood as well as the Municipality is much improved in these areas and promises to be the catalyst in a process of constant improvement.

In conclusion the NIP Program was an excellent beginning to the emerging phase of planning for neighbourhood preservation, improvement and change.



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