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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 60
COUNCIL MEETING 1981 11 30

RE: LETTER FROM MR. LARRY D. S. WOLFE, PROGRAM COORDINATOR
15326 - 103A AVENUE, SURREY, B.C. V3R 7A2
FRASER RIVER ESTUARY STUDY

Copies of the Summary Report are attached to Council's agenda only. A copy is available for viewing by the public and media in the Clerk's Department.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director of Planning & Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION
SUBJECT: FRASER RIVER ESTUARY STUDY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1981 NOVEMBER 24
OUR FILE: 15.660

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.
2. THAT a copy of the following report be forwarded to:

Larry D. S. Wolfe, Program Coordinator
Fraser River Estuary Study
15326 - 103A Avenue
Surrey, British Columbia
V3R 7A2

SUMMARY:

Appearing on the 1981 November 30 Council agenda is a letter from the Fraser River Estuary Study Program Coordinator providing an update on the current status of the study. Council has been requested to review and comment on the attached Summary Report.

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A public workshop will be held on 1981 December 03 at 19:30h in the Centennial Community Centre, 65 East 6th Avenue, New Westminster. Staff will attend this workshop to obtain amplification on the details of the Summary Report. Following this workshop a further report will be forwarded to Council containing specific recommendations for transmittal to the Estuary Study Group.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Director Planning and Building Inspection has attended meetings of the Liaison Committee and the Study Office staff has been requested to meet with Planning Staff on several occasions to ensure that Burnaby's policies for development are compatible with the objectives for the management of the estuary system.

EXISTING SITUATION

The Planning Department supports the principle of establishing a management program which recognizes the importance of the estuary both for urban and industrial activities and for the preservation of its ecological integrity.

Within Burnaby, land use adjacent to the north arm of the Fraser River is guided by the Big Bend Development Plan. This plan has been reviewed and it has been concluded that it reflects the needs of varied interests by designating areas for industry, agriculture, public open space and residential use. The balanced character of this plan, therefore, is evidence that these uses can co-exist within the content of a managed estuary system.

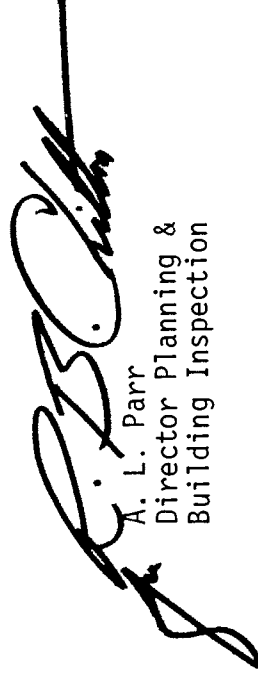
The draft area designation map which will be discussed at the upcoming public workshop represents the preliminary findings of the Area Designation Task Force. The Planning Department has a number of concerns over the details of these designations and we have transmitted these concerns to the Study Office. They have advised that the Task Force will take into consideration our views in the refinement of the area designation work over the next four months. At the staff level they have stated that they are confident that our concerns can be adequately represented in the area designation process.

This consultative process will be on-going and the Municipality will become more directly involved in the refinement of the Area Designations. The final document will provide a guide to "the best use of the estuary based on its natural attributes and its suitability for human activities".

In the event that clarification on the current tentative area designations is required at the public workshop, staff will be available to respond to any enquiries.

As noted in the summary, we have not attempted to address the details of the Summary Report which has been forwarded to Council. This information will be the subject of a further report following the 1981 December 03 workshop.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of Council.


A. L. Parr
Director Planning &
Building Inspection

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