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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	4
COUNCIL MEETING	1982 01 18

RE: 1982 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANTS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION
 SUBJECT: 1982 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANTS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
 1982 JANUARY 13
 OUR FILE: 05.400

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council resolve to make application under the 1982 Municipal Planning Grant Program for a grant to carry out the study outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council reiterate their intention to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that the study to be carried out with the aid of planning grant funds will lead to the preparation and adoption of official community plans, as outlined in the implementation program Council adopted on 1981 September 21.
3. THAT Council authorize the Planning Department to pursue the submission of the required application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

SUMMARY:

It is proposed that the Municipality apply for a 1982 Municipal Planning Grant in order to undertake the third and final part of the Residential Neighbourhood Environment Study. This project was chosen on the basis of its importance to the Municipal Planning Program and its eligibility relative to the guidelines outlined by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. These guidelines include the requirement that Council advise the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of their intention to pursue the preparation and adoption of Official Community Plans with input from this study.

The deadline for submission of 1982 applications is 1982 January 31, which means it is particularly important that Council approve the required resolutions to allow the application at this time.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

Through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 1982 Municipal Planning Grants are available to Municipalities for the purpose of facilitating the preparation and/or implementation of Official Community Plans, or work which leads toward such plans. The Ministry provides a maximum grant of \$75,000 for Planning Programs approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and which are completed during the calendar year 1982.

The Municipality, in order to utilize the grant monies, must share the costs on a one-third Municipal/two-thirds Ministry basis. These grants are provided under Part VI, Section 16, of the Revenue Sharing Act Regulations. The grants must be applied for on a project-by-project basis for specific studies and cannot be merely included in the overall Planning Budget.

The Municipality has applied for and received monies under the 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 Municipal Planning Grants Program. In 1981 the Municipality received a grant of \$26,667 to pursue the Resident Opinion Survey, Part II, of the Residential Neighbourhood Environment Study.

PROPOSED 1982 APPLICATION:

The total estimated budget for the program application is \$36,000 of which we would expect the Ministry to pay two-thirds; i.e. \$24,000. The Municipal share of the total cost of the study (\$12,000) is currently in the Planning Department's 1982 Provisional Budget.

The proposed 1982 planning study, PART III - DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA AND DESIGN GUIDELINES of the RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT STUDY, is outlined below.

During 1980 and 1981 the Municipality of Burnaby with financial assistance from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs through Municipal Planning Grants has completed the first two phases of the Residential Neighbourhood Environment Study. Part I identified many of the forces affecting Burnaby's residential environment, created comparative profiles which combined a series of influencing factors to determine the pressures for change and the need for environmental improvement which exists in each neighbourhood; and provided direction to assist the Municipality in determining neighbourhoods for which stabilization and enhancement is the most appropriate action and those areas where residential redevelopment or a change in land-use is the most realistic and desirable direction. Part II sampled resident opinions in each of Burnaby's residential neighbourhoods with regard to perceived boundaries, likes and dislikes, qualities and features that contribute to it and forces which affect it. In addition, resident opinions of potential change toward more intense (dense) housing opportunities within the neighbourhoods were sampled.

Completion of Parts I and II provides the necessary background data to enable Municipal staff to prepare a Municipal wide plan for neighbourhoods which properly addresses the pressures for change, the needs for environmental improvement and the resident needs and desires.

As a part of the process to designate neighbourhoods for increased housing opportunities and for preservation and improvement it is necessary to generate a set of objectives and policies setting out the basic parameters within which change and improvement actions will be taken. To this end Part III of the Residential Neighbourhood Environment Study will develop criteria for increasing housing opportunities within designated neighbourhoods and guidelines for preservation and improvement of the other neighbourhoods. It is these criteria and guidelines which will shape the neighbourhood plans, form the residential neighbourhood input to the preparation of an official community plan for Burnaby, and which is being proposed for assistance under the 1982 Municipal Planning Grant Program.

There are two phases to this proposal:

Phase I Preparation of development criteria and design guidelines for increasing housing opportunities within designated neighbourhoods.

This involves the preparation of:

- i) general development criteria which identify the qualities to be preserved in areas where increased housing opportunities are going to be introduced.
- ii) design guidelines and illustrative examples of various forms of in-fill housing suited to the typical neighbourhood situations in Burnaby which accommodate, where possible, a range of income groups reflective of the area into which they are to be introduced.
- iii) statements of the potential capacity of each neighbourhood designated to receive increased housing opportunity with regard to its ability to absorb additional housing units, of certain types, without detracting from the overall livability of the neighbourhood.

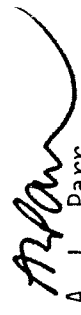
Phase II Preparation of development guidelines for the preservation and improvement of neighbourhoods.

This involves the preparation of:

- i) guidelines for the preservation and improvement of neighbourhoods in which the existing housing opportunities are to be maintained. This effectively identifies the basic actions which should be taken in relation to the neighbourhood's state of evolution.

While this work is included in the Planning Department's work program, a combination of other priorities and limited staff time indicate that this phase of the study would not be completed in the foreseeable future without the assistance of the Municipal Planning Grant Program. In light of the need to complete Part III of the work in order to properly utilize Parts I and II of the study, we would submit that the 1982 Planning Grant Program presents an invaluable opportunity to pursue and complete the Residential Neighbourhood Environment Study.

It is anticipated that 70% of the total estimated \$36,000 budget for this study would be comprised of consultant fees. It is felt that professional consultants would offer specialized design expertise and experience. The need for consultants will be assessed in relation to the staff resources available at the time of the study and the skills which are required. Any consultant used would be responsible for conducting the study and transmitting it to the Planning Department in written report form.


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