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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 1  
COUNCIL MEETING 1983 01 04

RE: UTILIZATION OF MUNICIPAL LANDS FOR BRUNETTE RIVER FISH  
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1982 DECEMBER 20  
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION Our File: 15.670  
X-Ref: 15.711  
SUBJECT: UTILIZATION OF MUNICIPAL LANDS FOR  
BRUNETTE RIVER FISH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council authorize the construction of a fish rearing pond on Municipal lands described as Lot 19, District Lot 13, Plan 3046 (7252 Denver Avenue) as more particularly described in the following report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to:

Bryan Allen  
Salmonid Enhancement Program  
Community Advisor  
Suite 309 - 549 Columbia St.  
New Westminster, B.C. V3C 1B3

REPORT

As part of the fish enhancement program being conducted on the Brunette River drainage system, Federal Fisheries is requesting permission to construct a fish rearing pond on Municipal property shown on the attached Figure 1.

This area is currently flooded as a result of seepage water which runs down the north facing escarpment but becomes trapped behind the dyke with no direct route to flow to the Brunette River. Because of this flooding, the land would have no other practical use. There are two stages to their proposal:

1) to clear approximately one acre of dead trees and shrubs which have been killed as a result of flooding due to the build-up of seepage water. The drainage of the area will not be affected.

2) to construct a fish-way from the Brunette River into the pond.

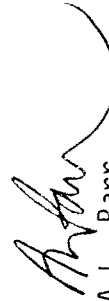
Once completed, the pond will provide food and shelter for young fish. It is also ideal habitat for amphibians and certain bird species.

Attracting native wildlife to an area within the proposed park area for the Brunette River system is a definite asset. The relationship of the fish rearing pond to the Land Use Concept for the area is illustrated on the attached Figure 2. The Recreation and Cultural Services Department has advised that it would be feasible, in the future, to provide public access to the pond by means of a bridge built on the erosion control weir.

As this proposal is essentially an improvement to the existing river basin we are of the opinion that formal easement documents need not be executed. However, we believe it is appropriate to request a letter of understanding from Federal Fisheries which states that this approval will not, in any way, alter the rights of the Municipality to use the subject lands in the future as may be required. We do not envisage any problems in this regard. However, it is conceivable that future drainage or other requirements may require the Municipality or others to alter the pond in some fashion. Any such works would not be undertaken without prior consultation with Fisheries. They should also be advised that the Municipality will not accept responsibility for the maintenance of this facility.

It should be noted that all work is to be conducted by people hired on a U.I.C. job creation program and does not include work that is normally done by municipal staff.

In conclusion, this project would be an asset to the area as it accords with the land use objectives for the Brunette River. Therefore, it is recommended that permission to utilize Municipal lands for the construction of these works be given.

  
A.L. Parr  
DIRECTOR PLANNING &  
BUILDING INSPECTION

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cc: Director Rec. & Cultural Services  
Director Engineering  
Municipal Solicitor



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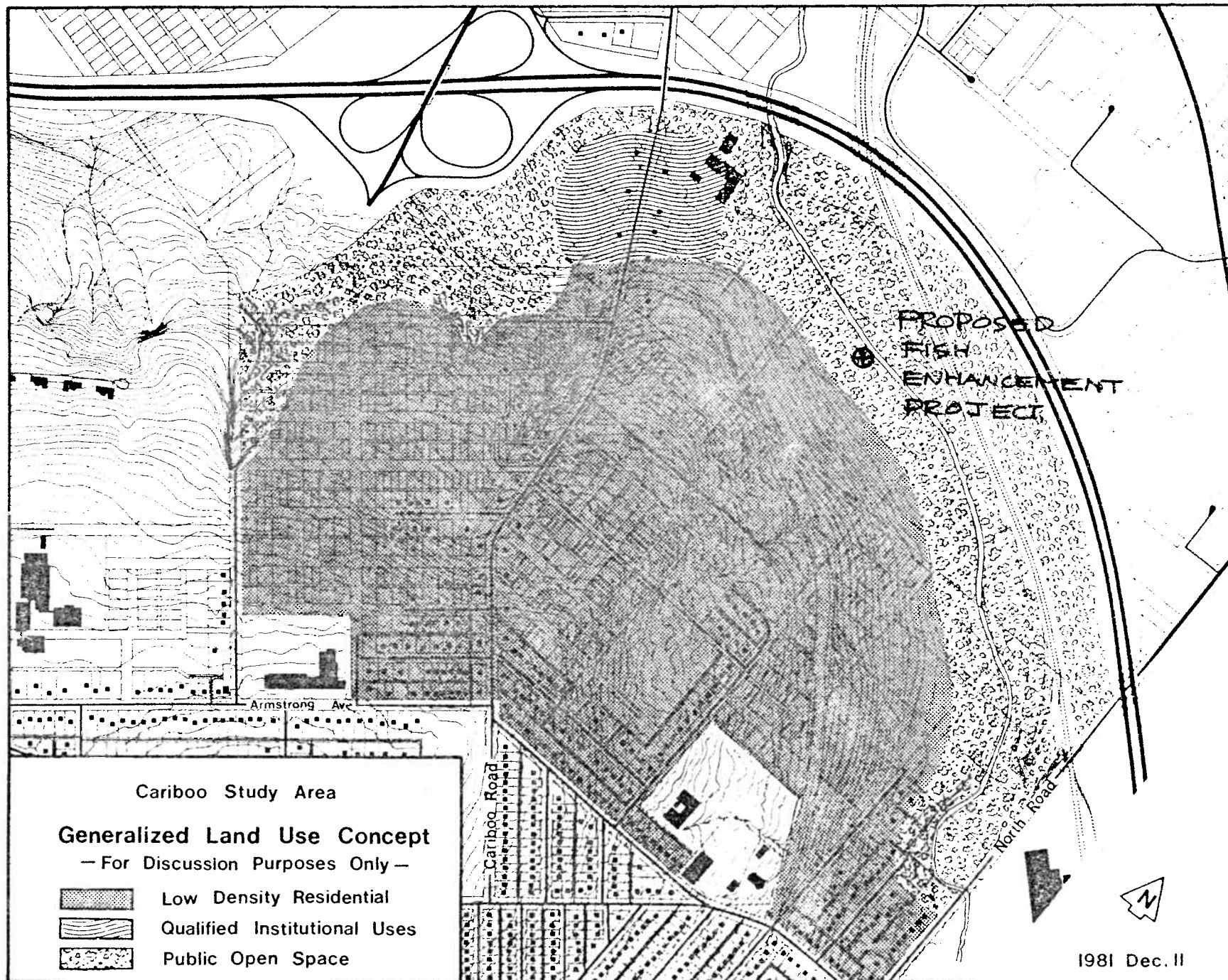


FIGURE 2