

ITEM 25
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 53
COUNCIL MEETING 85/08/12

RE: REQUESTS FOR WATER SERVICE - DEER LAKE DRIVE & HASTINGS/BURNWOOD AREAS
(Item 4 d, 1985 June 03)

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 85 08 07
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR WATER SERVICE - DEER LAKE DRIVE AND
HASTINGS/BURNWOOD AREAS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve, in principle, the provision of domestic water supply by the Municipal Water Utility to the existing single family dwellings in the Hastings/Burnwood area which are not presently served by the Utility.
2. THAT final approval not be given until a further report is submitted to Council detailing the more specific aspects of cost and method of providing water service to the subject properties.

REPORT:

There are two remaining areas of Burnaby containing privately-owned single-family dwellings which are not presently served by the Municipal Water Utility. These are the Hastings/Burnwood area on Burnaby Mountain and the Deer Lake Drive area along the south side of Deer Lake.

Separate requests have been received from residents in these two areas that they be served by the Water Utility. The request from the Deer Lake Drive area is from five property owners and the one from Burnaby Mountain is from an individual. This report will address only the matter of serving the Burnaby Mountain properties inasmuch as more staff work is required before being able to address satisfactorily the request from the Deer Lake residents.

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Attached is a copy of the letter Council received from Mr. Barry Jones of 7729 Hastings Street. In addition to Mr. Jones's property, there are three other private properties with single family houses in the same area who, of course, need to be treated in the same manner as Mr. Jones. A water main is available on Curtis Street to serve the Burnwood and Hastings properties, although a pumping station would be required. Road allowances are available on which to locate the required facilities. See Sketch #1, attached.

The owners on Burnaby Mountain rely on wells for their present water supply. Although the Health Department conducts periodic tests on the acceptability of the well water supplies for drinking water purposes and has found no problem to date, it is a fact that such sources can not be as fully relied upon as can a supply from the Municipal mains.

Your Director Engineering has given a great deal of thought to this subject, particularly from the point of view of being managers of a water utility. Although not coming under the direct control of the Public Utilities Commission, the Corporation nonetheless is the owner and operator of a most essential public utility service and therefore should be guided, at least morally, by rules of behavior not unlike those pertaining to the more classic fully-regulated public utilities. In the past, the Water Utility has been guided by these very tenets, the most notable of which was in the provision of water supply to Simon Fraser University in 1965 which involved recognition of the basic principle of an obligation to serve without discrimination.

Your Director Engineering has concluded that the existing single-family homes in the Hastings/Burnwood area should be served by the Water Utility as an independent public service entity.

The more detailed aspects of cost and method of servicing the properties will be the subject of a further report to Council when these have been worked out.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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Atts.

c.c. () Director Planning & Building Inspection
() Director Recreation & Cultural Services
() Director Finance

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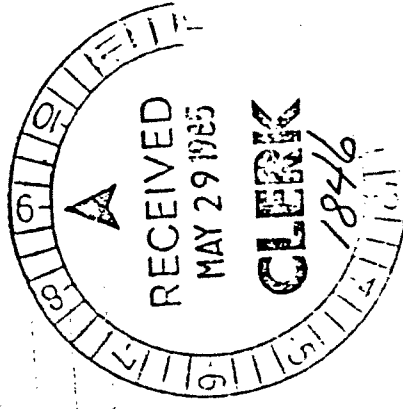
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7729 E. Hastings Street
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1G9
May 25, 1985

Mayor Lewarne and Members of Council
The Corporation of the District of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.

"Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink" . The author of this statement understood what it was like to reside at our residence during dry weather in the summer months. The inconveniences caused by disruptions and unreliable water service were common in the 19th century, but are virtually unheard of in modern times in metropolitan communities.

The question one must ask is; "Does the Municipality have an obligation to supply such services as water to its residents?" I believe that both morally and legally the answer is the affirmative. When all other parts of the municipality are served, including our nearest neighbour, the Owl & Oarsman Restaurant, the case of discrimination is clear. Legal precedent would indicate that the Municipality has the choice of allowing such reasonable improvements, or expropriating the property. I would hope the latter would not be the choice as I was promised when I appeared before Council at the designation of this area as conservation area that expropriation would not occur.

To his credit, Mayor Lewarne was very helpful in a solution to the problem two years ago in having a stand pipe installed on the line which runs by our home, which served in emergencies. Unfortunately this line was taken out of service last year when the new line to the restaurant was installed.

Discussions with the Engineering Department indicate that it would now be a very simple matter to connect this line to the new line to provide service to our property . (See attached diagram)

I recognize that the situation is somewhat complex, but would prevail on the good will of Council to provide services that contribute to a reasonable standard of living for all Burnaby residents. I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to paying water rates in the future.

Yours truly,

Barry Jones
Barry Jones

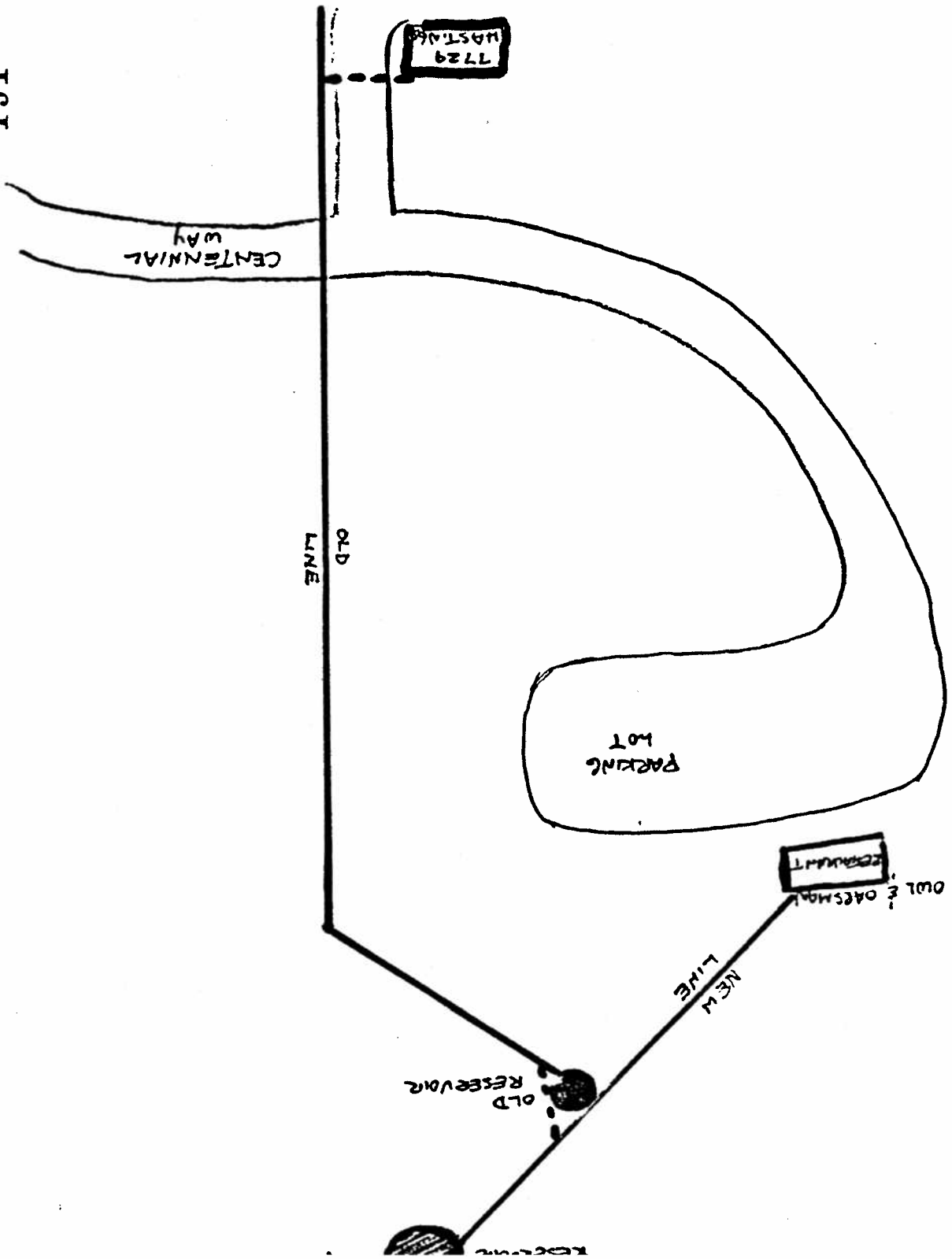
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