

ITEM 13
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 48
COUNCIL MEETING 86/08/18

RE: LETTER FROM MS. DONNA MARSHALL WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE 1986 JULY 21 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4t)
TREES FELLED AND/OR TOPPED AT HOLDOM AVENUE/BESSBOROUGH DRIVE PARKSITE

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation as contained in the report from the
Director Recreation and Cultural Services be adopted.

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1986 AUGUST 11

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
RE: PETITION TO HAVE TREES FELLED AND OTHERS TOPPED
AT HOLDOM AVENUE/BESSBOROUGH DRIVE PARKSITE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Ms. D. Marshall, 125 North
Holdom Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5B 1K2.

REPORT

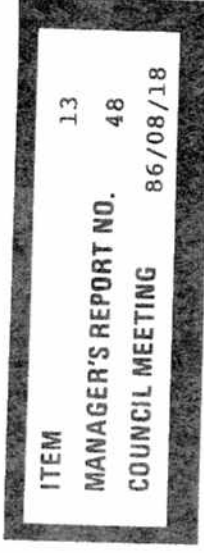
On its agenda of 1986 July 21, Council received a letter from Ms. D. Marshall plus a petition listing 15 names requesting the removal of some tall trees and the topping of other trees on the Holdom/Bessborough park-site.

The petitioners' concerns are that area residents have their view obstructed by the trees on the Holdom/Bessborough parksite. The area of concern is illustrated on Drawing #C-3-10s, attached (Attachment #1).

Over a number of years, staff have received similar requests on a regular basis to have trees on park sites topped or removed to permit sunlight on private property or to improve the view of residents.

The Commission's policy is:

"THAT tree removal or tree topping from park property is limited to dangerous trees and thinning out for the protection of desirable species and to facilitate specific recreation activities or other public needs."



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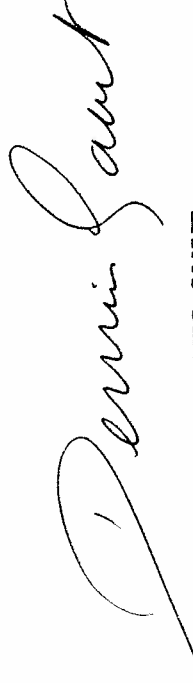
The Holdom/Bessborough parksite has been examined and no trees have been identified that require to be removed or topped for the reasons stated.

The Commission's policy has been in place for many years. A major review was carried out in 1979 reconfirming the policy.

At that time, the Commission was made aware of the fact that because of Burnaby's topography, there are numerous places where park/conservation areas can be perceived to interfere with private views. A minimum of approximately 1,000 homes were identified as being potentially involved. If work was carried out to satisfy them all, the initial cost could be over \$2,000,000 at 1979 rates. On top of that would be the annual cost of maintenance to maintain the views.

In some cases involving conservation lands, the topping or removal of trees could also run counter to the conservation principles involved.

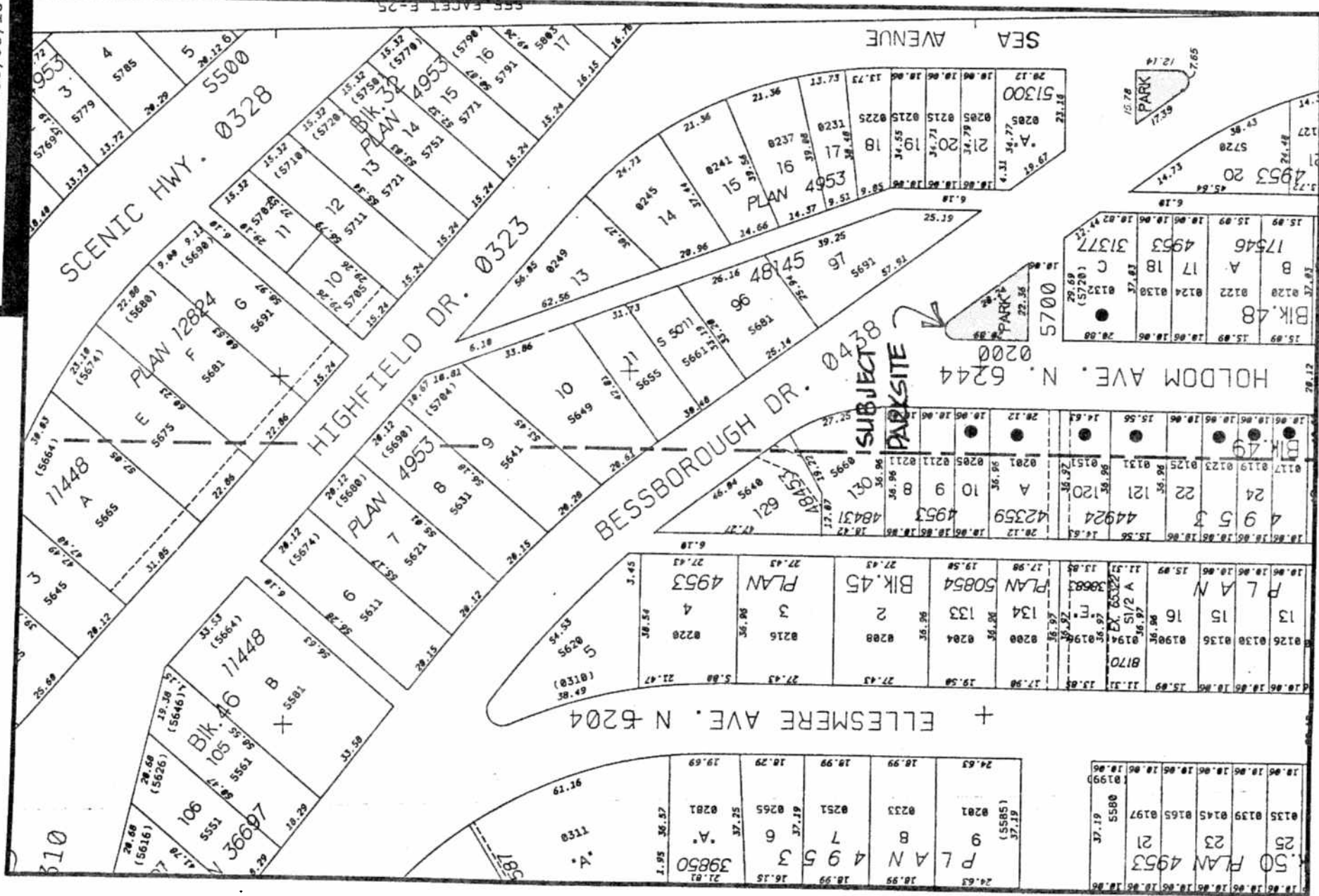
At its meeting of 1986 August 06, the Parks and Recreation Commission considered this request and by motion, agreed to recommend to Municipal Council that a copy of a report be sent to Ms. D. Marshall indicating the Commission's policy on this subject.



DENNIS GAUNT
Director Recreation &
Cultural Services

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ATTACHMENT #1 - COUNCIL REPORT
 DATED 1986 AUGUST 11 - RE: PETITION
 TO HAVE TREES FELLED AND OTHER TOPPED
 AT HOLDOM AVENUE/BESSBOROUGH DR. PARKSITE

- RESIDENTS REQUESTING TREE TOPPING/REMOVAL

PROJECT
 HOLDOM AVENUE &
 BESSBOROUGH DRIVE
 PARKSITE
 RE: RESIDENTS REQUEST
 FOR TREE TOPPING/REMOVAL

DESIGNED BY
 DRAWN BY LW
 CHECKED BY
 DATE 86/07
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 parks & recreation
 department

DRAWING NO.
 C-3-10s
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