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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 41  
COUNCIL MEETING 86/06/23

RE: THE ALPINE AREA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN -  
DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1986 June 17

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION  
Our file:

SUBJECT: THE ALPINE AREA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN -  
DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk, District of North Vancouver, P.O. Box 86218, North Vancouver, B.C. V7L 4K1.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Section 947(2)(b) of the Municipal Act makes provision for an adjoining Municipality to make comment on a proposed Official Community Plan where a plan affects that Municipality. In this regard, the District of North Vancouver has forwarded a copy of "The Alpine Area Official Community Plan" to Council requesting comment from this Municipality's perspective. The Plan is to be given second reading on 1986 June 09 and will be referred to a Public Hearing on 1986 July 14.

As indicated in the conveying letter, the Plan covers an area of some 100 sq. km (25,000 acres) of mountains, lakes, forests and foreshore extending east from Capilano Lake to Indian Arm, north of the urban, developable part of the Municipality. This Alpine Area is recognized in the Plan as a very special part of both the District and the Region in forming part of the picturesque mountain backdrop to Greater Vancouver, being the location of a major regional watershed area and providing regional recreational opportunities. This existing regional role for the area is the basis for this Municipality's comment on the proposed Plan.

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2.0 PLAN INTENT

The Plan presents ten environmental, social and economic objectives related to the protection of the Alpine Area's natural attributes and the provision of appropriate uses considered compatible with this environmentally sensitive area. These objectives are presented in more detail within the context of 11 policy areas presented under the following headings:

1. the environment
2. water resources
3. forests
4. minerals
5. wildlife conservation
6. parks and recreation
7. tourist commercial
8. residential
9. community services
10. public access
11. heritage

The large majority of the area in question is designated as a Development Permit Area with accompanying environmental and design guidelines intended to protect and enhance the area's natural environment. A copy of this Plan is available for viewing within the Planning & Building Inspection Department.

3.0 GENERAL COMMENT

Staff in reviewing the proposed Alpine Area Official Community Plan are satisfied that the significance of this area as a regionally important water shed and conservation and recreation area has been properly identified and addressed in the objectives underlying the Plan. While staff are not in a position to comment on detailed aspects of the Plan, we are able to support the various objectives and policies insofar as they relate to the identification of this area as a regionally important resource and its present and future conservation and enhancement.



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