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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	40
COUNCIL MEETING	88/05/30

RE: BONSOR PARK CENOTAPH

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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1988 MAY 20

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE: BONSOR PARK CENOTAPH

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw for \$6,000 be brought down for the construction of the cenotaph as outlined in this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND:

Council in the 1950's set aside \$6,000 towards a cenotaph. In 1979 the funds were placed in a statutory reserve fund.

In 1981 the Commission approved in principle a proposal, initiated by the Army, Navy and Air force Veterans, to construct a cenotaph at Bonsor Park. At the time Council requested reconsideration of this decision and a special committee was created to investigate the provision and location of a cenotaph. All the Veteran's organizations in Burnaby participated in this issue. Support was gained for the provision of one central monument and two local cenotaphs - one in North Burnaby at Confederation Park and one for South Burnaby. None of the Veterans organizations objected to a centrally located monument providing that the local ones would not be jeopardized. However there is no active support or initiative for a central cenotaph and a local cenotaph in the south is therefore the only one that is proceeding.

The issue was left in abeyance due to a shift in priorities until 1986, at which time the Army, Navy and Air force Veterans then reintroduced their initial interest to erect a cenotaph at Bonsor Park.

While the Veterans are assisting with the funding, the intention is still that it be a memorial for all to use. The location at the corner of Imperial and Nelson in Bonsor Park is felt to be easily accessible and a high profile area proximate to Burnaby's Metrotown hub.

ATTACHMENT # 1

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JUBILEE AVE.

PARK PROPERTY

PROPOSED ACQUISITION

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NELSON AVE.

PARK PROPERTY

TEMPORARY ACCESS PROPOSED TO JUBILEE AVE.

OPEN GRASS

SOME EXISTING PLANTING RETAINED

PATHWAY TO CONTINUE WEST IN FUTURE

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

EXISTING TRELIS

SEATING AREA

EXISTING AGGREGATE WALKWAY

CONCRETE PATH

SEMI-OVAL

LOWER PLAZA

UPPER PLAZA

TRAVELERS ENTRANCE

CONCRETE SIDEWALK

TEMPORARY SIDEWALK

STREET LAWN

NEW EDGE OF CURB

PROPOSED PARK TREES

CONCRETE PATH

LOWER PLAZA

UPPER PLAZA

TRAVELERS ENTRANCE

CONCRETE SIDEWALK

TEMPORARY SIDEWALK

CORNER Foyer

CONCRETE

TEMPORARY LAWN

TEMPORARY PAVERS

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PROJECT
BONSOR PARK
PROPOSED GENOTAPH
CONCEPT PLAN

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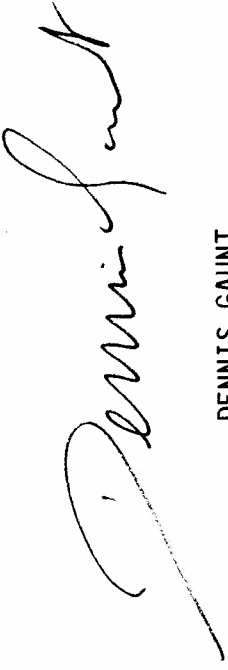
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2.0 CURRENT PROPOSAL:

The attached report adopted by the Commission at their 1988 May 04 meeting outlines the proposal and approves the construction and financing for the project.

A Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw, approved by two-thirds of full Council is required to authorize the expenditure of the Cenotaph Reserve Funds.



DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION
& CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

cc: Director - Finance
Municipal Solicitor

RE: BONSOR PARK CENOTAPH

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT approval of the cenotaph concept be given.
2. THAT \$105,600 be allocated from the 1988 Capital Budget for construction of the cenotaph with financing as outlined in this report.

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REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada's Pompier Unit 314, are donating approximately \$45,600 towards the construction of the Bonsor Park Cenotaph.

The area is to be used for November 11th Remembrance Day ceremonies, as well as other small events and ceremonies throughout the year.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has supported a cenotaph proposal in Bonsor Park since 1981. This approval was reconfirmed in April, 1987.

The building that was situated on the proposed site has now been demolished.

SITE PARAMETERS:

The location of the cenotaph is at the corner of Imperial and Nelson - a very high profile corner within Metrotown's context. A future proposal is to widen both Nelson and Imperial on the park side by 4.3 meters. This will create an extra lane on both streets. Immediately adjacent to the cenotaph location is an existing small trellised seating area with planting. The major portion of this will be retained.

CENOTAPH PROPOSAL:

The conceptual layout of the cenotaph and plaza was sent to the Commission's 1987 April 15 meeting, an artist's rendition was posted. That original concept has been receiving much scrutiny and has now been revised.

The biggest revision is in the orientation of the cenotaph and plaza. The previous concept focused the cenotaph towards the street corner. In reassessing this it was determined that the orientation left the plaza too exposed and vulnerable. The revision shown (Attachment #1 OP#31-3-81) now orients the cenotaph towards the park. The concept plan and associated elevations will also be posted at the meeting.

The concept as depicted in Attachment #1 addresses three functions: that the project should function as an entry gate into the park, as a place of ceremony, and as a community icon - an easily identifiable landmark that becomes part of all communal consciousness.

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As a park gateway - this project becomes an important "cornerstone" in the solidification of Bonsor Park. It will, in future, be a major entry point to the park and the casual open space area - east of the sports fields. As such, the concept strives to make it a very bold visible entry that is easily identifiable from the main avenues of approach. Gateways mark the boundary. As a park plaza, it will function as a node of activity with pedestrian movement organized to pass through the plaza. The main paths converge on the plaza to identify with the entry and the cenotaph as a landmark.

The plaza itself is designed to accommodate small crowds, public gatherings and small events. Designated by a framework of stairs it suggests an informal amphitheatre - becoming a place to gravitate to. The plaza is subdivided into two halves - the 'lower plaza' being the main congregation area promoting social interaction, the 'upper plaza' a transition area where individuals can pause, able to observe the plaza's daily life without necessarily being open to participating.

The 'corner foyer' functions as a transitional buffer zone from the street. Bollards delineate it from the curb. This area serves as a meeting place, incidental seating can occur on the 'gateway' walls.

Landscaping frames the plaza precinct providing a horticultural display that is to buffer users of the plaza. It is intended that while this buffer is desirable - it is not to be enclosing. Planting will be an overall maximum height of 3-4'. The proposal at this time is to mass plant roses - (depending on availability) making this a special horticultural feature which in turn adds to the imageability of the site.

As a place of ceremony this concept sets up the 'lower plaza' as a special place, an inner sanctum. It is important that the cenotaph maintain the spiritual roots and connections to the past. This meaning is intensified through the progression of areas people pass through to approach the cenotaph. The transition from the street: from the 'corner foyer', through the upper plaza to the lower plaza, provides a feeling of arrival through a change of enclosure and view which enhances the reverence and tranquility of the ceremonial area.

The concept provides a very functional space for public assembly. The hard surface plaza improves use in wet weather, the stairs serve as tiers for increased vantage points. The paths around the circumference of the plaza provide an overflow area for extended crowds as well as handicapped access for those not able to negotiate the stairs. The open grass area that meets the northeast set of stairs also accommodates a potential overflow. The design has carefully provided this expandability in order to maintain an appropriately sized plaza that will not seem too large and empty on those non-ceremony days.

The cenotaph itself is the focal point of the plaza and the icon commemorating the soldiers of both world wars and the Korean war. The memorial deviates from the traditional form slightly, identifying these three wars by three separate faces on the front side. This trinity gives a more refined sculptural line making our cenotaph individual and unique. The original 10' high concrete memorial has been enlarged to a height of 15' and will be faced with a distinctive polished granite. This will heighten its prominence while making it a more contemporary, sophisticated focus, one that is in keeping with this high profile location. Granite is the most durable material that could be used. It will help to establish this cenotaph and plaza as the special place that it is. The use of a high quality material is indicative of our civic pride in the country's achievements and our role in world history. Appropriate wording will be engraved into the granite.

As an easily identifiable landmark, the cenotaph will be visible from the Nelson and Imperial intersection and should be seen from Bonsor Recreation Complex as well - vegetation cover depending. This concept utilizes forms, materials, colours, etcetera that will be consistent with the larger park as well as integrated within the specific cenotaph plaza site.

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The Design Section has received input and comment from other staff members, the Planning and Building Inspection Department and the Army, Navy and Air Force executive membership, who were very pleased with the concept.

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Financing:

The total project cost of \$105,600 will be financed by \$54,000 allocated by the Commission in the 1988 Capital Budget, \$6,000 from the Municipal Cenotaph Reserve and \$45,600 from the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans.

The Veterans' contribution consists of \$20,000 private funds, to be paid in two \$10,000 installments and an approved B.C. Lottery Fund capital grant of \$25,600.

When the project was first initiated the level of development now available was not foreseen. The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans applied to the B.C. Lottery Fund Capital Grants program for additional funding, and their application has been approved. This will allow for the provision of the enhanced cenotaph faced with granite of a larger size, night lighting and an enhanced planting package. This has enabled the design to upgrade the development to an appropriate and preferable level.

As the Municipal Act requires the total funding for any project to be in place prior to the work being undertaken, the approval of the Municipal Manager has been obtained to use 1988 Capital Contingency funds to interim finance the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans' contribution of \$45,600 pending receipt of their payments.

Development:

Work will begin June 1st and be completed by the end of October in time for the November Remembrance Day Ceremony.

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cc: Director Finance
Director Planning & Building Inspection