

REPORT
Regular Council Meeting
1989 August 08

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RE: Project Suggestions for Community Groups Related
to Federal and Provincial Funding Opportunities

Recommendations:

1. THAT Council support Projects No. 1 through 7 identified in this report in application for Environment Canada's 'Environmental Partners Fund'.
2. THAT Projects No. 8 and 9 identified in this report be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration.
3. THAT Council authorize the Environment and Waste Management Committee to publicize the opportunity to participate in the projects, advising as to how to access funding and that Burnaby will cooperate and assist in preparation of grant applications.

R E P O R T

The Environment and Waste Management Committee, at its meeting held 1989 July 25, received a report containing several potential projects which may qualify for funding with Environment Canada's 'Environmental Partners Fund' project.

The purpose of the Environmental Partners Fund is to promote community participation in environmental clean-up. Environment Canada is particularly looking for projects as follows:

- where a local need for the project exists;
- that have a high community involvement including public groups, industry and government; and
- demonstrate the concept of sustainable development.

Those projects that are visually noticeable, having a lasting legacy and which help advertise the campaign are preferred. For example, planting a tree in a park leaves a more permanent influence than picking up litter.

The proposal has been tentatively discussed with the Union President and it is his desire that wherever the project involves work that is normally done by municipal employees, the workers are hired as municipal employees and paid at the Labour 1 rate.

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A list of potential projects has been compiled with input from Engineering, Planning and Building Inspection and Environmental Health. Input was also sought from various provincial and federal environmental agencies. The list of potential environmental partners fund projects is as follows:

I. Stream/Fish Habitat Enhancement

1. Replace/repair the automatic fish lift on the dam at Burnaby Lake. The existing fish lift has been broken for 2 years. Without this lift no fish can get beyond the dam and into Eagle Creek, Robert Burnaby Creek or Deer Lake. The Sapperton Fish and Game Club speculate that they could double or triple the amount of trout and salmon coming up the Brunette River if the lift was repaired.
 - objective: to preserve and enhance the salmon and trout populations on the Brunette River.
 - benefits: fish into tributary streams, improved fishing opportunities on the Brunette River.
 - costs: unknown

2. Stream clean up and fish habitat enhancement in Eagle Creek, Robert Burnaby Creek subject to replacement of the fish ladder.
 - objective: restoration of fish stocks, improved recreational activity.
 - benefits: fish into tributary streams, improved fishing opportunities on the Brunette River.
 - costs: unknown

3. Lake enhancement and stocking, access points, fishing pier in the pond at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course.
 - objective: promote urban fishing and an awareness of conservation issues to young people.
 - benefits: develop fishing opportunities for local residents.
 - costs: unknown (to be estimated by Fish & Wildlife Branch).

4. Construct permanent fish brood holding tank, with waterline, filter, fence and tanks on Brunette River.
 - objective: improve survival of brood stock, and increase the amount of eggs taken which in turn would protect Brunette River Salmon Runs.
 - benefits: preservation of the salmon run; improved recreational opportunities.
 - costs: unknown

5. Tree and shrub planting and possible instream upgrading work to enhance fish habitat in Byrne Creek from the Fraser River into Ron McLean Park. The relocated creek does provide fish rearing habitat that can be enhanced to the point where possible trout and salmon spawning may occur. Landscape work would also enhance the park setting for trail users.
 - objective: improve salmonoid habitat to the point where spawning occurs.
 - benefits: increased fish stalks, improved trail setting.
 - costs: unknown

II. Environmental Clean-up and Protection

6. Continue storm drain marking program, marking a fish symbol on catch basins.
- objective: a reduction in hazardous wastes being poured down drainage basins.
benefits: cleaner streams, protection of fish resource
costs: unknown
7. Burnaby Mountain litter clean up campaign, construction of trails, production of a brochure and revegetating of disturbed areas as per the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Society.
- objective: to demonstrate a commitment to environmental clean-up, improve trail access and to improve the area's visual aesthetics.
benefits: clean up of unsightly areas; support community group
costs: unknown

As a result of the Committee's review, it was concluded that two of the potential projects fall more specifically within the parameters of the Parks and Recreation Commission and therefore may involve work normally done by municipal employees.

The two projects identified are as follows:

I. Stream/Fish Habitat Enhancement

8. Tree planting and replacement tree planting along Byrne Creek from Marine Way to Fraser Foreshore Park. Existing trees have been girdled by beavers. Replacement trees are needed to shade the creek and the walkway. New trees would need to have protective bases.
- objective: restore necessary vegetation along the creek
benefits: improved fish habitat and pedestrian trail setting
costs: \$12,000

II. Environmental Clean-up and Protection

9. Clean up the floating rubbish and debris on Burnaby Lake.
- objective: demonstrate a commitment to environmental clean-up; to improve appearance of the lake; improve the canoeing experience.
benefits: a cleaner looking and healthier lake
costs: unknown

With respect to Project #9 the Committee requests the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider the clean-up of floating rubbish and debris on Burnaby Lake as a regular maintenance program, and to consult with the G.V.R.D. to establish responsibility.

In addition to this list of projects, the Committee will also be considering at its next meeting potential projects related to recycling that may also qualify for funding under Environment Canada's Environmental Partners Fund. Recommendations will be forthcoming to Council at the regular Council meeting 1989 August 21.

According to Environment Canada's Press Release (attached), \$50 million dollars is available for such projects as described in the introductory paragraph of this report. The Committee is concerned that Federal funds such as these often go unutilized simply because of unawareness of their existence by citizens and community groups or, lack of information as to how to apply for these funds.

Publicizing the availability of these funds, being prepared with a list of suitable projects and offering assistance in filling out the necessary forms will enable the municipality as a whole to take advantage of the funding opportunities.

The Committee proposes to forward specific details and recommendations for a proposed awareness campaign to Council at the 1989 August 21 Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman J.M. Sawicki
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*DETAILS OF \$50-MILLION PARTNERS FUND UNVEILED

OTTAWA -- 16 June 1989 -- Federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard today unveiled details of the new Environmental Partners Fund, a \$50-million, five-year federal government program.

"One of the most important roles for government is creating conditions for individuals, community groups and the private sector to work together to solve local environmental problems," Mr. Bouchard said.

The Partners Fund is the first environmental program established on the basis of a fifty-fifty partnership between the federal government and the private sector.

Community groups, service clubs, environmental organizations, schools and youth groups can now apply to Environment Canada for matching funds to clean up and rehabilitate the environment at the community level.

The deadline for applications to the Environmental Partners Fund this year is 1 September. Successful projects will be announced in October. Starting in 1990, there will be three a year: the first day of March, June, and September.

Recommendations for funding will be made by selection committees in five regions across the country. Committee members will be appointed by the Minister, and will come from outside government.

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Partners can receive up to \$200,000 in federal matching funds for innovative projects that will protect, preserve, enhance and restore the environment.

"We recognize that if we are to make real progress in counter-acting the degradation of the environment, we must begin at home, dealing with regional problems on a local scale," Mr. Bouchard said.

Types of projects likely to receive funding include:

- clean-up of local parks, lakes or streams;
- community-based water conservation projects;
- 'blue-box'-type recycling programs;
- composting biodegradable waste;
- hazardous household waste collection; and
- paper recycling.

Proposals will be screened for eligibility and reviewed for merit, excellence and degree of partnership.

Environmental Partners Fund application forms and guides are available from Environment Canada offices in each province and territory.

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