

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 NOVEMBER 07

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO B. C. HYDRO
BEAUTIFICATION FUND FOR UNDERGROUND WIRING

PURPOSE: To outline the results of Burnaby's application to B. C. Hydro for underground wiring assistance and to seek Council authorization for a Municipal share of cost of a proposed project on Patterson Avenue.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$120,000 from the Capital Works Financing Fund on the understanding that B. C. Hydro will contribute a 1/3 share of the cost of removing the overhead lines along the east side of Patterson Avenue from Kingsway to approximately Beresford Street.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND:

On 1990 September 24, Council authorized staff to apply to B.C. Hydro cost sharing assistance for the removal of overhead power lines. Accordingly, an application was submitted for the following proposed projects on Patterson Avenue, Halston Court/Cardston Street and Willingdon Avenue.

2.0 RESULT OF THE APPLICATION:

B. C. Hydro's estimated costs of undergrounding the Hydro utilities for the three projects as provided by B. C. Hydro are as follows:

- 1) Patterson Avenue (Metrotown) Kingsway to Imperial Street opposite Central Park - (\$1,242,000).
- 2) Halston Court/Cardston Street from Government Road to Lougheed Highway (Lougheed Town Centre) - (\$637,000).
- 3) Willingdon Avenue/Hastings Street to Penzance Drive - line adjacent Confederation Park - (\$437,000).

B. C. Hydro has advised that their offer to contribute 1/3 of the cost is subject to approval by their Board of Directors. They have further noted that the commitment of funds by Burnaby must be made in writing to Hydro no later than 1990 November 15 to be considered for next year's funding. A decision will be made on our application by 1991 January 31.

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3.0 PROPOSED PROJECT:

It is beyond Burnaby's present budget capabilities to complete any one of these large projects. It is proposed therefore that the potential removal of the overhead line on Patterson Avenue between Kingsway south to approximately Beresford Street be pursued (rather than all of the line south to Imperial) as our first priority. Staff have discussed with B. C. Hydro the possibility of breaking this large project into small less costly sections and the Hydro staff have agreed to consider our application on this basis. In other words, an effort will be made to cut the individual project's length to reflect the available funds. The work will start from the Kingsway end.

4.0 FUNDING:

The potential sources of funding are:

Developer's funds on deposit
(RZ #58/77; RZ #45/89) \$ 51,404

1990 Budget: Patterson Avenue
south of Kingsway (Item 60-70275) \$100,000

1990 Budget: Community Plan areas
(\$100,000)
(Item 60-70275) Partial draw \$ 20,000

MUNICIPAL TOTAL \$171,404

Plus:

B. C. Hydro Contribution - (1/3 total)
(subject to their approval) \$ 85,702

PROJECT TOTAL \$257,106

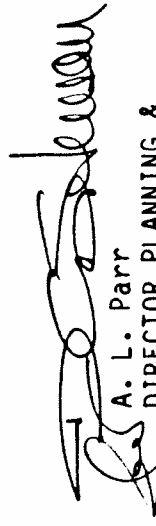
During the B. C. Hydro undergrounding, the undergrounding of the B. C. Telephone lines related to the project above will be pursued when the costs are known. This portion of the project will be cost shared by a 1/3 contribution from B. C. Tel with the balance to be paid by Burnaby. This part of the project will be the subject of a future report.

5.0 CONCLUSION:

The removal of a portion of a prominent overhead power line in a Metrotown/Central Park location jointly funded by the Municipality and contributions from adjacent developers, (contributions already received), and the two utility companies, is considered a worthwhile joint venture in the development of our primary urban area. Council authority to commit the budgeted funds is necessary in order to pursue the cost sharing commitment from B. C. Hydro for the undergrounding of their utilities. If Burnaby is successful in this application, the work could be completed in 1991.

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