

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION
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SUBJECT: 1991/92 PLANNING GRANT FROM MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS,
RECREATION AND CULTURE

PURPOSE: To describe an application for a 1991/92 Planning Grant for
use in completing a State of the Environment Report for
Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the submission of an application for a 1991/92 Planning Grant to be used towards completing Burnaby's State of the Environment Report.

R E P O R T

1.0 1991/92 PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture has announced its Planning Grant program for 1991/92. Grants of up to \$40,000 (maximum) are available for suitable projects in twelve categories. The category for pilot studies includes funding for environmental planning strategies.

The pilot studies program will fund environmental planning strategies that take a comprehensive approach to determining sustainable development goals, objectives and policies with a focus on matters within local government jurisdiction. Staff believe that the preparation of a State of the Environment Report for Burnaby is an excellent candidate for funding under this category.

2.0 STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT (SOER) FOR BURNABY

On 1990 May 14, Council endorsed the Environment and Waste Management Committee's recommendation that Burnaby undertake a State of the Environment Report (SOER) for the Municipality. The SOER will provide a comprehensive framework for identifying and addressing environmental issues and concerns in the Municipality. Ultimately, the results of the SOER process will be incorporated within Burnaby's Official Community Plan scheduled for updating in 1992/93.

The following principles will guide Burnaby's SOER:

- o development of a set of environmental goals and objectives for the Municipality;
- o integration of an environmental action plan into all municipal decisions and activities;
- o commitment to ecologically sustainable development and a balance between the environment and the economy;

- o establishment and maintenance of baseline environmental data for monitoring environmental quality; and
- o community participation in environmental decision-making and solving environmental problems.

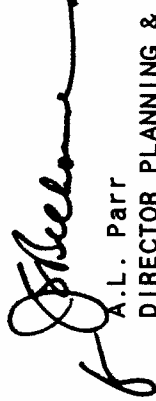
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A three phase process (see attached diagram) is being followed to complete the SOER. Phase I will identify community environmental issues and concerns and assemble information on current municipal policies and procedures. During Phase II, environmental goals and objectives will be defined. Finally, in Phase III, an environmental action plan will be developed for Burnaby.

The process which Burnaby is following to complete its State of the Environment Report is being well documented and could serve as a model for other municipalities.

3.0 CONCLUSION

To assist in funding of Burnaby's State of the Environment Report, the Municipality should apply for a 1991/92 Planning Grant under the category for Pilot Studies--Environmental Planning Strategies. Upon Council's approval, staff will prepare the application and submit it to the Ministry prior to the deadline of 1990 January 31.

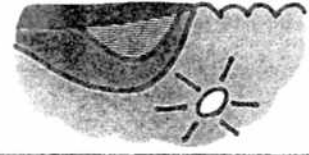


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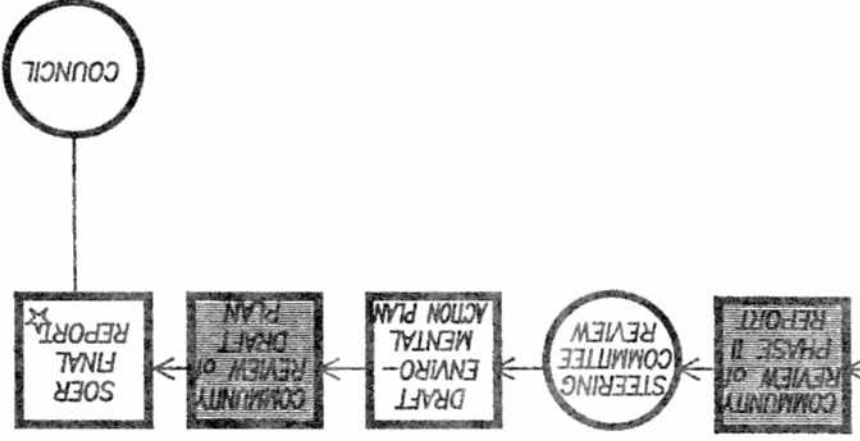


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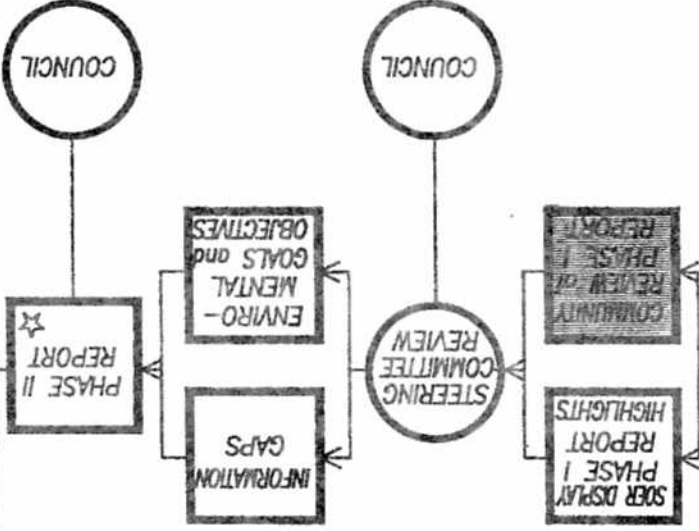
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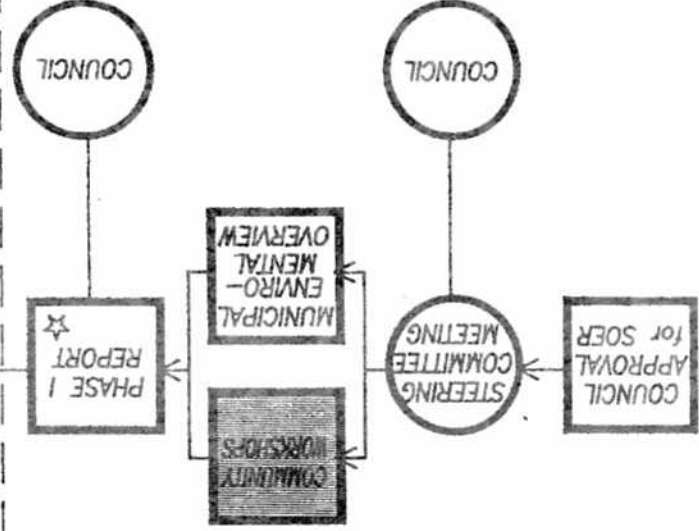
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