



TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 SEPTEMBER 19
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
B. C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION FUND

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission
to B. C. Hydro for 1/3 cost sharing.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT staff be authorized to apply to B. C. Hydro for cost sharing assistance in removing the overhead lines described in this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND:

On 1990 September 17, Council received a letter from B. C. Hydro regarding the availability of funds for underground Beautification projects. For a number of years, Burnaby has been endeavouring to pursue an incremental program to remove overhead power lines from our primary urban areas.

The B. C. Hydro Beautification Program provides the Municipality with an opportunity to apply for cost sharing assistance for projects of this nature.

Submitted applications are evaluated by B. C. Hydro on a project by project basis. Projects approved by Hydro are eligible for funding assistance in the amount of 33 - 1/3% of the cost of the work.

Burnaby has, in recent years, received assistance with projects on Erickson Drive in the Lougheed Town Centre, Cariboo Road and on Canada Way west of Curle Avenue. A report to Council on a proposed project for 1990 on Nelson Avenue is forthcoming to Council upon receipt of further cost information.

3.0 1991 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION:

For the 1991 Program, applications must be received by B. C. Hydro by 1990 October 01. Staff propose to submit the following applications for funding to B. C. Hydro:

- 1) Patterson Avenue (Metrotown) Kingsway to Imperial Street adjacent central Park.
- 2) Halston Court/Cardston Street from Government Road to Lougheed Highway (Lougheed Town Centre).
- 3) Willingdon Avenue/Hastings Street to Penzance Drive - line adjacent Confederation Park.

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4.0 MUNICIPAL FUNDING:

Provision has been made in the 1990 - 1994 Capital Budget under Land Assembly and Development for underground wiring projects of this nature. Upon receipt of B. C. Hydro's decision with regard to Burnaby's application, a further report will be submitted to Council.

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Upon Council approval of these three project applications, staff will prepare requests for 1/3 cost sharing from B. C. Hydro and also B.C. Telephone Company Limited.



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