TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1991 OCTOBER 09

FROM .

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

Our File: 11.900

SUBJECT: TREE PLAN CANADA

PURPOSE: To respond to a letter from Forestry Canada and identify sites in Burnaby which could be available for tree planting

through Tree Plan Canada's five year initiative.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT a copy of this report be sent to: Forestry Canada, Pacific and Yukon Region, Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 West Burnside Road, Victoria, B. C. V8Z 1M5.

2. THAT copies of this report be sent to the Environment and Waste Management Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

REPORT

1.0 **BACKGROUND**

A letter from Forestry Canada dated 1991 September 12 appeared on the agenda of Council's regular meeting of 1991 October 07. The letter describes Tree Plan Canada, à five year Green Plan initiative to plant millions of trees in rural areas, cities and towns across Canada. As a first step in the tree planting program, Forestry Canada is developing an inventory of lands where trees could be planted. Burnaby has been invited to provide information on lands within municipal jurisdiction where trees could be planted.

2.0 TREE PLANTING SITES IN BURNABY

Candidate sites for tree planting throughout Burnaby fall into four general categories:

(i) Conservation and Forested Areas

Many forested portions of Burnaby's conservation areas are of relatively uniform age and would benefit from underplanting of younger trees.

(ii) Urban Trail System

Burnaby's urban trail system will develop greenway corridors for pedestrians and cyclists. Tree planting will be a major amenity along these corridors. Tree planting will be incorporated into the five year trail development program and will include street trees and cluster plantings of native species.

(iii) Provincial Roadways

Opportunities for street tree planting and in some cases cluster planting exist along provincial roadways in Burnaby including Marine Way, Canada Way, Kingsway, and the Trans Canada Highway.

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(iv) Parks and Public Open Space

Parks and public open spaces throughout Burnaby provide sites for tree planting. Many parks have turf areas which would be enhanced by tree planting.

A list of candidate tree planting sites in each category is included in Attachment #1. Staff will forward this information to Tree Plan Canada along with a map indicating the specific planting areas.

3.0 CONCLUSION

This report responds to Tree Plan Canada's preliminary inquiry for information on candidate tree planting sites in Burnaby. Staff will keep Council and the Commission informed regarding the applicability of the program to Burnaby's needs as additional information on aspects of the program such as types of trees (deciduous vs. coniferous), sizes (seedlings vs. specimen trees), species and numbers of trees to be provided becomes available.

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cc: Director Recreation and Cultural Services

Director Engineering

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Attachment #1

Candidate Tree Planting Sites in Burnaby

Conservation and Forested Areas

Burnaby Mountain Park Fraser Foreshore Park Burnaby Lake Capitol Hill Conservation Area Central Park

<u>Urban Trail System</u>

East Burnaby Urban Trail Burrard Inlet Urban Trail Central Valley Urban Trail Fraser River Urban Trail West Burnaby Urban Trail Shore to Shore Urban Trail

Provincial Roadways

Trans Canada Highway Marine Way Canada Way Kingsway Lougheed Highway Barnet Highway

Parks and Public Open Space

Confederation Sumas Park David Gray Beecher Brentwood Gilpin School Ledingham McGill West Sells Riverway Burnaby Mountain Ernie Winch Ron McLean George Leaf Rene Park Stoney Creek Westridge Park

Kensington Fraser Foreshore Broadview Burnaby Heights Forest Glen Kisbey Wesburn George Green **Parkcrest** Barnet Beach Robert Burnaby Mary Avenue Cariboo Park Cariboo Hill Lyndhurst Lochdale Keswick