

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 SEPTEMBER 11
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 11.720
SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION FUND
PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission
to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing.

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.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is 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 one-third of the cost of the work.

Council has approved applications for Beautification projects in previous years and has received assistance with projects on Erickson Drive in the Lougheed Town Centre, Cariboo Road and on Canada Way west of Curle Avenue. In 1991, of the three projects applied for, Burnaby was successful in obtaining cost sharing from B.C. Hydro for a project on Patterson Avenue between Kingsway and the SkyTrain Station. This work is currently in the design stage with construction to start prior to 1992 March 31.

2.0 1992 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 1992 Program, applications must be received by B.C. Hydro by 1991 October 01. Staff propose to resubmit last year's applications for funding to B.C. Hydro for 1992:

- 1) Patterson Avenue (Metrotown) from the north side of the SkyTrain Station to Imperial Street adjacent Central Park, as a southerly continuation of the current Patterson project commenced in 1991.
- 2) Willingdon Avenue/Hastings Street to Penzance Drive - line adjacent Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool currently under construction.
- 3) Halston Court/Cardston Street from Government Road to Lougheed Highway (Lougheed Town Centre).

Upon Council approval to proceed with these three project applications, staff will prepare requests for one-third cost sharing from B.C. Hydro.

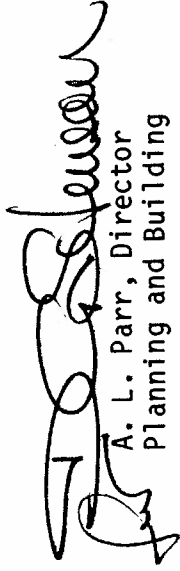
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3.0 MUNICIPAL FUNDING

Upon receipt of B.C. Hydro's decision with regard to Burnaby's application, a further report will be submitted to Council. Funding for these projects, subject to other capital priorities, will be considered for inclusion in the 1992-1996 Capital Budget.

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