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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	29
COUNCIL MEETING	91/05/06

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 MAY 02  
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES  
RE : CLINTON SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY - REQUEST TO COUNCIL FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN SCHOOL YARD ENHANCEMENTS  
PURPOSE : To request Council to receive the report for information.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT the planting of trees along the north boulevard of Portland Street be included as part of a future street tree planting program.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Co-Chairman of the Clinton School Grounds Project.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 1991 May 01, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the recommendations contained therein.



DENNIS GAUNT  
DIRECTOR RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

cc: Director Engineering  
Burnaby School Board Secretary/Treasurer

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REPORT

Appearing under correspondence is a letter from the Co-Chairman of the Clinton School Grounds Project. The Parent Advisory Council of Clinton School have been undertaking site improvements of Clinton Elementary School grounds. Their objective has been to introduce more "green" space and facilities for the children, to create pleasant surroundings and promote environmental education.

A preliminary plan for grounds enhancement of Clinton School has been prepared by a consultant Landscape Architect on behalf of the Clinton Parent Advisory. The plan offers changes on School Board land which includes the shifting of existing sportsfields, the addition of playground equipment, picnic tables, seating, garden plots, and supplementary landscaping. Several street trees are also proposed on Portland Street boulevard.

The parent group has requested any possible assistance with their efforts.

The plan proposes the provision of trees along the north boulevard of Portland Street east and west of John Matthew's Creek Ravine Park. The Corporation of Burnaby could contribute to the project by planting these trees as part of a future annual tree planting program.

On the advice of the Municipal Arborist, it is preferred to slightly widen the spacing of intended trees from 10 metres to 15 metres, and centre them on the boulevard lawn. Eight trees would be required. The proposed tree species Acer Rubrum 'Red Sunset' would be satisfactory. The Clinton School Parent Advisory Council could request the trees directly from the Municipal Arborist.

If so requested, staff could offer advice with respect to plants and landscaping on the preliminary plan, through School Board staff.

Staff have previously addressed with School Board staff concerns of sports-field encroachment which may affect allotted users.

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cc: Director of Engineering  
Burnaby School Board Secretary Treasurer

Note:

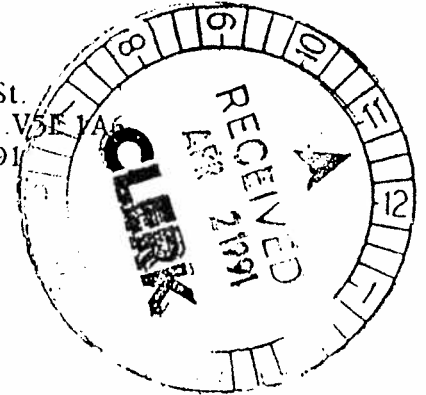
Attached for the convenience of Council is the letter from Ms. Joan Carne, Co-chairman of the Clinton School Grounds Project, which Council originally received on 1991 April 08.

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March 26, 1991



Burnaby Council  
District of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1M2

Dear Council Members:

I would like to inform you of a project that parents of one south slope elementary school have undertaken to help improve the local community. Perhaps the municipality can help us with this project.

You have demonstrated that environmental degradation is one of your top concerns as it is mine. I also feel that only education about our natural world and our dependence upon its health will stop and possibly reverse the damage already done. This education should start in the earliest school years. It is with great concern, therefore that I observe the state of the schoolyard at my son's elementary school (Clinton School in South Burnaby, \*photographs enclosed\*) and most of the neighboring schools. Many of these schoolyards have not a single living plant upon them: not one tree, no gardens, no bushes, no birds, no insects, no grass. It is a poor play environment and of no educational value, except to teach that "we" don't care about their school surroundings. Is this any way to educate children about our environment?


In contrast a "green" schoolyard would be a living laboratory for teachers to use in their science classes, a pleasant place for kids to play, and a place where they could develop their own observational skills.

At Clinton school, our parent group, in conjunction with members of the community, is currently working on a site improvement project. We began the project last April with the digging and planting of a small, organically grown, vegetable garden and several flower borders. Compost boxes, an integral part of the garden, are also available for school vegetable garbage. The gardens are an ongoing and successful project shared by students and parents and have been a learning experience and a colorful addition for all to enjoy. Members of the student garden club enjoyed several delicious vegetable harvests last fall upon returning to school and have begun indoor seeding of plants for the coming spring. In the past week we have completed a general site development plan for consideration by the school board. Some of the proposed tree planting sites are on adjoining municipal property.

Although at this time we are somewhat reconciled to having to raise the funds and do much of the work to improve the grounds ourselves, (the school board has advised us there is no funding for planting or maintaining grounds), we would like any community assistance be it funding or donations of materials, equipment or labour.

I would be happy to discuss our preliminary plan and the possibility of help from the municipality with a municipal representative at his/her convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Jean Carne, Co-chairman  
Clinton School Grounds Project  
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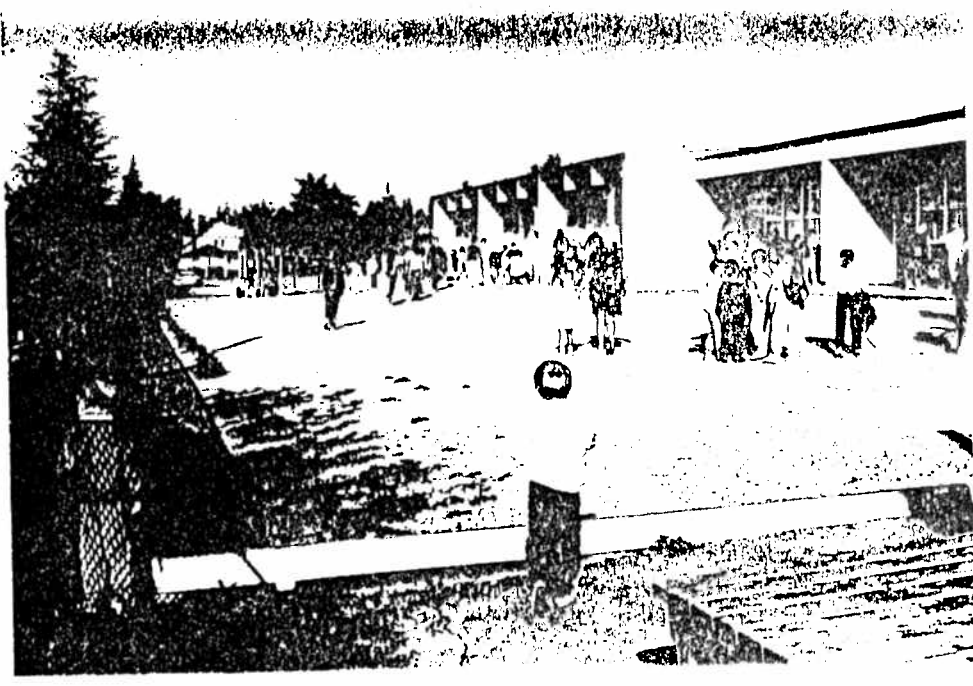
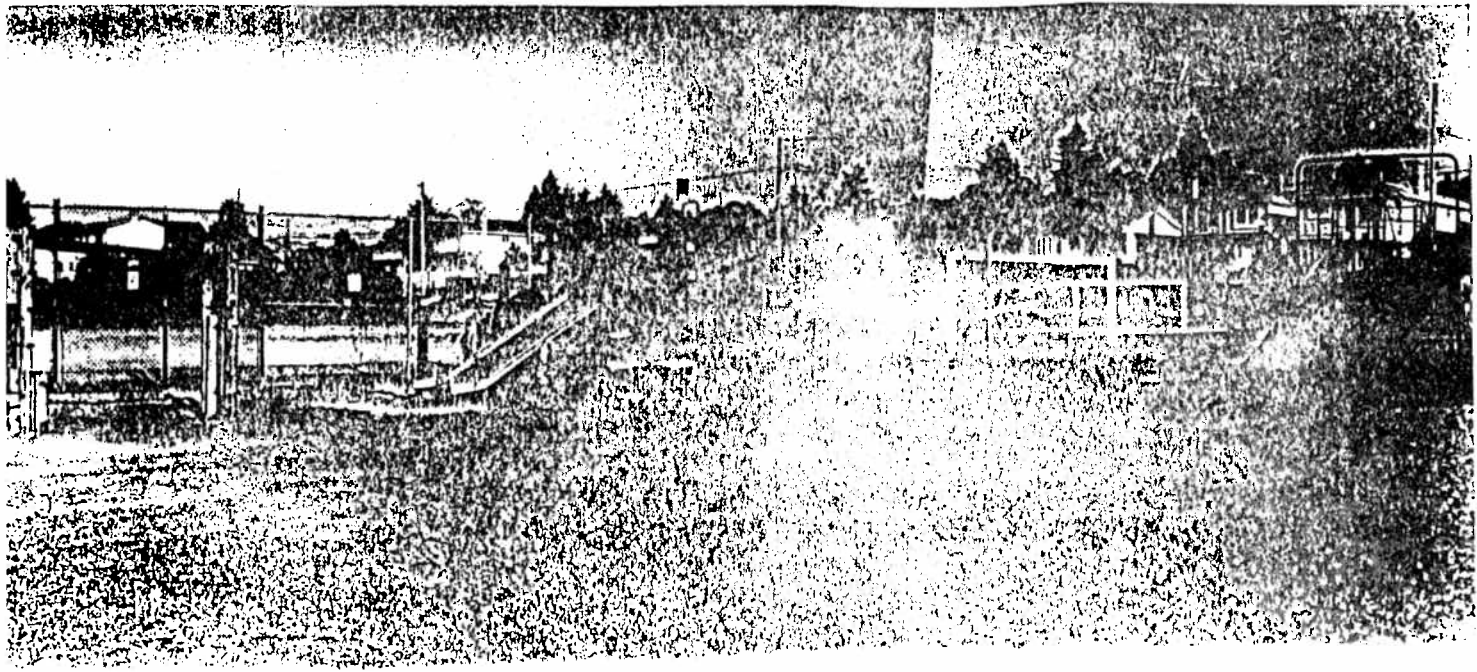
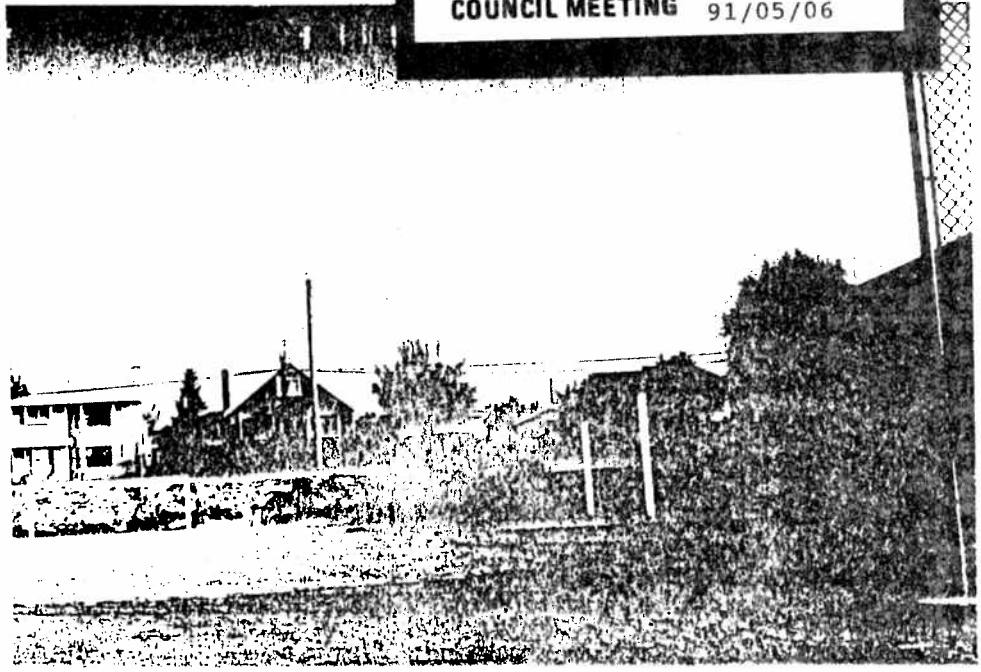
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