

1992 May 06

TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE: **RECYCLING OF PLANT MATERIALS**

PURPOSE: In response to Mr. Givins' letter regarding salvaging of plant materials from demolition sites.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Givins.

REPORT

BACKGROUND:

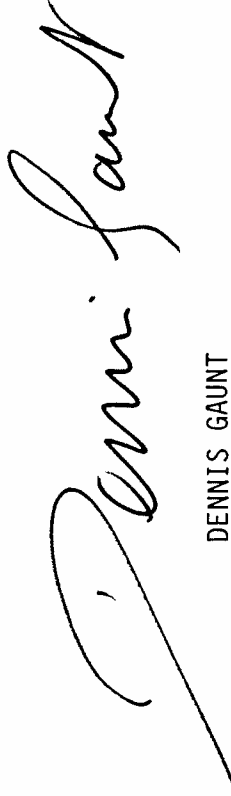
On 1992 April 21 Council received a letter from John Givins of Vancouver suggesting that Burnaby and other municipalities in the Lower Mainland set up a process to salvage plant material (trees, flowering shrubs, perennials etc.) from private properties where houses are being demolished and new development is taking place.

REPORT:

For many years the Parks and Recreation Department has accepted the donation of suitable plant material from Burnaby private properties that are being redeveloped. Also, where initial plantings have become overgrown on small lots the citizens will call the Parks Department and donate their surplus plants. On these occasions both the property owner and the municipality benefits.

Whereas there is not a formal process in place that identifies every available plant, we are satisfied that between our Engineering, Planning and Parks Departments working together the municipality is given first option on most of the suitable plant material.

Burnaby citizens also make plant material available to each other as good neighbours. This is particularly true with flowering bulbs and perennials that are not cost effective for the municipality to accept.



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