

ITEM 22
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 72
COUNCIL MEETING 92/11/23

TO: CITY MANAGER 1992 NOVEMBER 18
FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 11.720.1
SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION FUND
UNDERGROUND WIRING

PURPOSE: To outline the status of Burnaby's application to B.C. Hydro for underground wiring assistance and to seek Council authorization for the municipal share of costs for the proposed project on Patterson Avenue.
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$131,276 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines along Patterson Avenue from Mayberry Street to Maywood Street.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

On 1992 October 10, Council authorized staff to apply to B.C. Hydro for cost-sharing assistance for the removal of overhead power lines on portions of Patterson Avenue, Willingdon Avenue, and Halston Court/Cardston Street. An application was submitted for these three projects and B.C. Hydro has subsequently provided cost estimates as outlined below:

1. Patterson Avenue from
Mayberry Street to Imperial Street \$450,000 to 550,000
2. Willingdon Avenue (east side) from
Hastings Street to Eton Street \$567,000 to 693,000
3. Halston/Cardston/Government
Road Lines \$585,000 to 715,000

B.C. Hydro requires that municipal funding for 2/3 of the project costs be confirmed at this time in order that Burnaby's project can be submitted to B.C. Hydro's Board of Directors for approval and budgeting. B.C. Hydro has advised that a decision will be made on our application by 1993 January 31.

2.0 PROPOSED PROJECT

It is beyond Burnaby's present budget capabilities to complete any one of these large projects. Therefore, it is proposed that the removal of overhead lines on Patterson Avenue, from Mayberry Street to Maywood Street (rather than all of the line to Imperial Street), be pursued as our first priority project. B.C. Hydro officials have agreed to consider our application on this basis. This approach was successfully taken with the previous year's application.

The proposed project for 1993 would effectively be an extension to current work on Patterson Avenue from Kingsway to Mayberry Street currently in the tendering stage. The proposed project would provide for the undergrounding of overhead lines for a further one block distance (160 m) south toward Imperial Street. The estimated total cost for the hydro lines component of this work is \$164,480. Burnaby's 2/3 share is \$109,653 plus GST. 173

3.0 B.C. TELEPHONE COMPANY COST SHARING

The undergrounding of overhead telephone lines related to the proposed project will be pursued in conjunction with the hydro lines component. Subject to B.C. Tel approval, the telephone lines component will be cost-shared by a 1/3 contribution from B.C. Tel with the balance (2/3) of costs to be paid by Burnaby. The estimated total cost for the telephone lines component of the work is \$26,698. Burnaby's 2/3 share is \$17,799 plus GST.

4.0 PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

Funding required for the undergrounding of overhead hydro and telephone lines on Patterson Avenue between Mayberry Street and Maywood Street is outlined below:

a)	<u>HYDRO LINES COMPONENT</u>	\$164,480
	Municipal contribution (2/3 total)	109,653
	B.C. Hydro contribution (1/3 total)	54,827
b)	<u>TELEPHONE LINES COMPONENT</u>	\$ 26,698
	Municipal contribution (2/3 total)	17,799
	B.C. Tel contribution (1/3 total)	8,899
	<u>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</u>	<u>\$191,178</u>
	<u>TOTAL MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>127,452</u>
	<u>GST ON MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>3,824</u>
	<u>TOTAL MUNICIPAL FUNDS REQUIRED</u>	<u>\$131,276</u>

Funding will be included in the 1993-1997 Capital Budget for underground wiring on Patterson Avenue and it is recommended that a bylaw be brought down to appropriate \$131,276 from Capital Reserves for this project.

Council authority to commit the budgeted funds is necessary at this time in order to pursue the cost-sharing commitment from B.C. Hydro under the terms of the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program. If Burnaby is successful in this application, the work would be required to be completed by 1994 March 31. No funds will be expended in 1992.

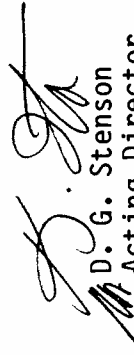
5.0 CONCLUSION

The removal of a portion of a prominent overhead utility line in the Metrotown/Central Park location along Patterson Avenue is considered to be a worthwhile joint venture with B.C. Hydro and B.C. Tel in the development of Burnaby's primary urban area.

It is recommended that Council approve funding for Burnaby's share of this cost-shared project as outlined in this report.

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