

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1992 JULY 22

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

SUBJECT: BICYCLE RACK PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To provide background information on the current status of a program for installing bicycle racks at key locations throughout Burnaby as requested by Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the regular Council meeting held 1992 June 15, Council requested staff provide a report on a system of bicycle racks to be installed at key locations throughout the Municipality.

Staff have identified three types of locations where the installation of public bicycle racks would promote cycling as a convenient and environmentally friendly means of transportation. These are:

1. Municipal facilities
2. Commercial business districts
3. Public transit centres

2.0 MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Bicycle racks are generally provided now at municipal facilities such as libraries, recreation centres, community centres, pools, sports facilities and major public parks. Staff propose to conduct an inventory of these facilities to identify specific locations where bicycle racks are not currently provided, are poorly located, or where more are needed. This inventory will be coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department and an implementation plan, including costs, will be prepared for the Parks & Recreation Commission and Council to consider.

3.0 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS

In commercial business districts, bicycle racks are some times provided on private property by the merchant or the developer. However, in areas where suitable space is not available on private property, it may be possible to allow and encourage bicycle racks to be installed as part of the street furniture adjacent the sidewalk on the public right-of-way in front of shops or offices.

Vancouver and Seattle currently operate programs to install bicycle racks where requests from the public or from merchants are received. Staff propose to pursue the details of establishing a similar program for Burnaby which will respond to public requests for bicycle racks in commercial areas. Staff will work closely with the Engineering Department to formulate a program for Council to consider. Issues of product standards, safety, traffic, sharing funding, maintenance, and liability will be examined.

The provision of bicycle racks on private property in conjunction with new developments in commercial and industrial areas will continue to be promoted and encouraged by staff on a routine basis.

4.0 PUBLIC TRANSIT CENTRES

The provision of bicycle racks and lockers at public transit centres can promote intermodal travel combining bicycles with public transit as a viable alternative to using the automobile. Council has recently supported initiatives regarding the provision of bicycle lockers at the Lougheed Mall bus loop and staff will continue to pursue discussions with B.C. Transit to promote similar facilities at other locations in Burnaby.

5.0 FUNDING

Municipal funding will be necessary to supply and install bicycle racks where required at municipal facilities. Actual costs will be dependent on the quantity required and the type of rack selected. A typical 10-bicycle unit would cost approximately \$750 installed.

For commercial areas where the installation of bicycle racks on public property may directly benefit a specific place of business, it would be reasonable to request that the necessary capital costs be provided by the merchant concerned. In commercial areas where the installation of bicycle racks on public property is warranted as a more general public benefit, municipal cost sharing could be considered subject to availability of funds. Racks located wholly on private property would be privately funded. A typical 3-bicycle unit suitable for installation adjacent a public sidewalk would cost approximately \$500 installed.

Funding for bicycle lockers at public transit centres will continue to be the responsibility of B.C. Transit and would not require municipal funds.

6.0 SUMMARY

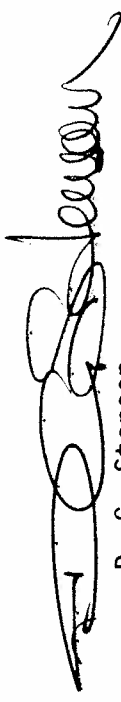
In summary, staff will determine the costs of providing bicycle racks where needed at municipal facilities, encourage the provision of bicycle racks in conjunction with major new commercial/industrial developments, examine the feasibility of establishing a program to install bicycle racks in commercial areas for locations where there is a demand, and promote the provision of bicycle lockers at transit centres.

A further report to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Council will outline the details and costs of the initiatives to provide bicycle racks at municipal facilities and in commercial areas.

This is for the information of Council.

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