

TO: CITY MANAGER 1992 SEPTEMBER 29

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

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.

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1.0 BACKGROUND

Appearing elsewhere on this Agenda is an item of correspondence from B.C. Hydro regarding the availability of funds to assist municipalities in covering the costs of undergrounding overhead power lines. Applications from municipalities are evaluated by B.C. Hydro on a project-by-project basis, and approved projects are eligible for funding assistance in the amount of one-third of the cost of the work.

For a number of years, Burnaby has been endeavouring to pursue an incremental program to remove overhead power lines from our primary urban areas. Burnaby has been successful in receiving assistance under the Beautification Program for projects on Erickson Drive, Cariboo Road, Canada Way, and most recently Patterson Avenue. Underground wiring on Patterson Avenue south from Kingsway received funding assistance in 1991 and 1992, with construction scheduled to start this fall.

2.0 1993 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 1993 program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

1. Patterson Avenue (Metrotown) from Mayberry Street south to Imperial Street adjacent Central Park, as a southerly continuation of the current Patterson project.
2. Willingdon Avenue from Hastings Street to Penzance Drive, adjacent Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool.
3. Halston Court/Cardston Street from Government Road to Loughheed Highway (Loughheed Town Centre).

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Upon Council approval to proceed with the application for these three projects, staff will prepare requests for one-third cost sharing from the B.C. Hydro Beautification Fund.

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3.0 MUNICIPAL FUNDING

Upon receipt of Burnaby's application, B.C. Hydro will provide cost estimates for Burnaby's proposed projects. At that time, a further report will be submitted to Council to outline municipal funding requirements.

Funding for these projects, subject to other capital priorities, will be considered for inclusion in the 1993-1997 Capital Budget.



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