

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1992 SEPTEMBER 03  
FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING  
SUBJECT: URBAN TRAIL NAMES

PURPOSE: To outline to Council a proposed policy for naming Urban Trails.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT staff submit proposed Urban Trail names to Council based on the criteria outlined in this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Kathleen McBurnie, 503 - 7210 Mary Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 3K4.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting of 1992 August 24, Council received a letter from K. McBurnie suggesting to Council that Urban Trails be named to honour Burnaby citizens.

With the exception of the B.C. Parkway, each of the proposed Urban Trails has been assigned an interim name (refer to attached plan). Upon implementation of each trail there will be a need to select a final and permanent trail name which will be recognizable and memorable to the public, and which can be used on signage and maps to provide a distinctive identity to that trail.

2.0 SELECTION PROCESS

Planning and implementation of the Urban Trail System is currently undertaken by a Municipal Staff Committee consisting of representatives from Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and Planning and Building. It is recommended that this interdepartmental staff committee be asked to further undertake to collect and evaluate suitable names for each Urban Trail. Suggestions received from the public will be included in this process and where appropriate the public could be requested to submit ideas for names. On a trail-by-trail basis, the Committee would propose to recommend a suitable name to Council for final approval prior to the trail becoming operational.

3.0 CRITERIA FOR NAMES

The choice of names for the Urban Trails will make a significant contribution to establishing a strong and unified identity for each trail route. For this reason, it is desirable to assign a single name to an entire route, typically several miles in length between major destinations, rather than to short segments of trail. A total of 10-12 trail names will be required to complete the entire Urban Trail network.

In general it is the view of staff that the most suitable name for an Urban Trail is one which provides the public with an indication of the trail's location within the context of existing Burnaby features. Names with references to districts, neighbourhoods, major route destinations, significant natural features or major landforms will be familiar to Burnaby residents and will serve to orient trail users as to the character and location of the trail route.

In specific cases, it may be desirable to name an Urban Trail in honour of a significant event, community achievement, or Burnaby citizen. This commemorative category of names would be most appropriate if applied to trails that cross through a variety of neighbourhoods and site conditions and which would thus benefit from a name that helps to unify the identify of the overall trail route. It is recommended that only a limited number of trails be named in this fashion.

#### 4.0 COMMEMORATIVE FEATURE AREAS

Special features proposed for development along the Urban Trails include plazas, rest stops, seating areas, and interpretive displays. Where appropriate, these feature areas can be given names to provide recognition to individual citizens, community groups, service clubs, or private sponsors.

Staff would propose to submit requests for the naming of commemorative feature areas to Council for approval on a site-by-site basis. The widespread use of corporate or club logos, colours, or other commercial symbols in general will not be utilized on trail signage or within the trail corridor except where incorporated into commemorative plaques.

The suggestion in the correspondence to Council from Kathleen McBurnie asking that Colleen Wood be recognized will be pursued further by staff to examine the possibility of so naming a suitable feature area on the Urban Trail.

#### 5. SUMMARY

The choice of names for Urban Trails will play an important role in developing a meaningful network of major trails in Burnaby. It is recommended that Council request the interdepartmental staff committee currently involved with implementation of the Urban Trails to propose suitable trail names for consideration and final approval by Council.

Selection criteria should give preference to names related to geographical areas and natural features, and also give consideration to naming a limited number of trails after Burnaby citizens, events, achievements and trail sponsors.

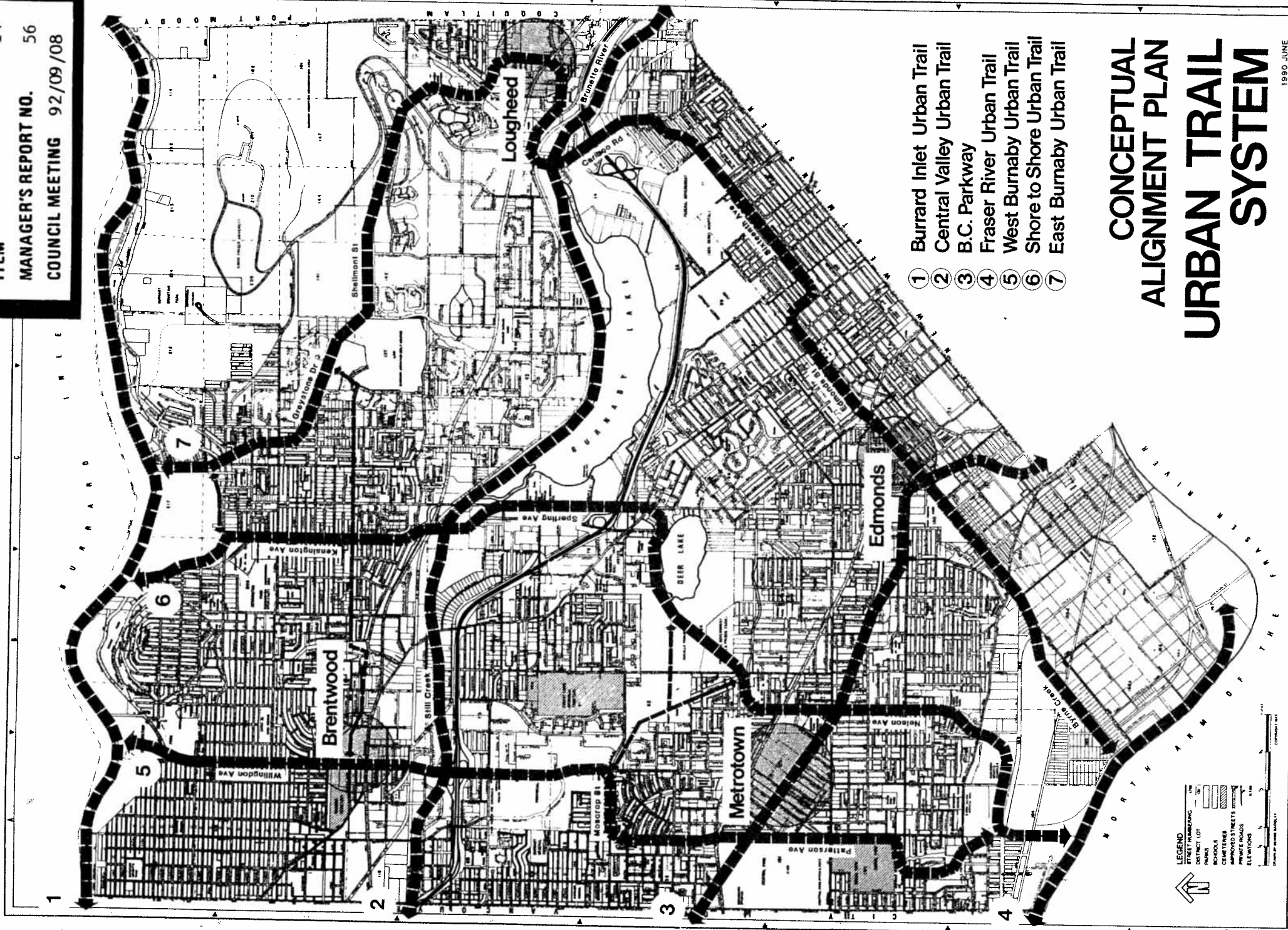
Special feature areas can also be considered for naming in recognition of citizens and trail sponsors. In this regard, staff will contact Kathleen McBurnie to thank her for her interest and her suggestions, and to discuss the possibility of naming a feature area on the Urban Trail in recognition of Colleen Wood.

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Attachment  
cc: Director Engineering & Cultural Services  
Director Recreation & Cultural Services



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ITEM 14  
 MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 56  
 COUNCIL MEETING 92/09/08



- ① Burrard Inlet Urban Trail
- ② Central Valley Urban Trail
- ③ B.C. Parkway
- ④ Fraser River Urban Trail
- ⑤ West Burnaby Urban Trail
- ⑥ Shore to Shore Urban Trail
- ⑦ East Burnaby Urban Trail

# CONCEPTUAL ALIGNMENT PLAN URBAN TRAIL SYSTEM

1990 JUNE

**LEGEND**

- ↑ STREET NUMBERING
- DISTRICT LOT
- ▨ PARKS
- ▧ SCHOOLS
- ▩ CHURCHES
- FIRE STATIONS
- ▬ HIGHWAYS
- ▭ PRIVATE ROADS
- ▮ ELEVATIONS

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