MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 53
COUNCIL MEETING 93/09/13

TO:

**CITY MANAGER** 

**1993 SEPTEMBER 08** 

FROM:

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**OUR FILE: 02.250** 

SUBJECT:

**ELECTION CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** 

FORTHCOMING FEDERAL ELECTION

**PURPOSE:** 

To provide for permission to place campaign signs on public property during

the course of the federal election.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. THAT Council approve the erection of political signs on public property by all participants in the forthcoming federal election subject to affected parties or associations signifying in writing that such will be undertaken in compliance with Clause (9), Schedule No. 1 of the Burnaby Sign Bylaw.
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to all participating political associations and independent candidates in the City, once these candidates make themselves known to the City.

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## REPORT

Burnaby Sign Bylaw 6163 includes provision for election signs under Clause (9) of Schedule No. 1 which reads as follows:

"Temporary signs pertaining to campaigns, drives or events of political, civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations. Provided that if an applicant shall obtain the consent of Council and shall agree in writing to remove such signs within three days after the campaign, drive or event has concluded, such signs may be erected upon public property in the possession or control of the municipality, except public property designated for parks purposes and under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission."

In past election campaigns the practice has been that Council has authorized such signs on public property during the campaign and the various political organizations have typically placed their signs on the boulevards within public road allowances, directed toward passing traffic on the streets.

In view of the provisions of the Sign Bylaw, and the past practice of accepting political signs of all participating candidates on an equal basis, it would be appropriate to pass a motion consenting to the erection of such signs by all participants on public property other than that designated for parks purposes and under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to compliance with the requirements for removal.

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