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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	63
COUNCIL MEETING	93/10/18

TO: CITY MANAGER 1993 OCTOBER 14

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 10.225.4

SUBJECT: URBAN TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AT BCIT - MOSCROP STREET

PURPOSE: To obtain Council's authorization for funding required to cost share with the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) to construct an urban trail.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the allocation of \$18,500 from the 1993 Capital Contingency Account to fund the construction of a walkway and street tree component of the urban trail on Moscrop Street as outlined in this report.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

The British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) is currently undertaking a long term upgrading of the perimeter of the Burnaby campus. The first phase of their project will cost approximately \$250,000 and includes landscaping, fencing and signage improvements to the campus frontages on Canada Way and on Moscrop Street. In conjunction with their current perimeter upgrading project, BCIT has expressed a willingness to work with the City of Burnaby to implement an urban trail along the Moscrop Street frontage of the campus.

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The Burnaby Urban Trail System approved by Council in 1990 identifies a conceptual urban trail alignment parallel to Moscrop Street which will link the BCIT area at Willingdon Avenue with civic offices, cultural facilities and parks in the Deer Lake area. Staff are currently working to develop a plan for implementation of the section of this urban trail route between Deer Lake Avenue and Wayburne Drive in conjunction with the Moscrop/Gilpin roadway project in 1994. A further section of this trail route between Wayburne Drive and the BCIT campus was built in 1992 as a requirement of rezoning and is now fully operational.

In conjunction with their current perimeter upgrading project, BCIT has provided the opportunity for the City to share in construction costs to develop the section of urban trail proposed along the Moscrop Street frontage of the campus west to Willingdon Avenue as outlined in this report (see attached sketch).

2.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND COSTS

Subject to City Council approval of cost sharing, BCIT has agreed to construct a new separated walkway and street tree planting at the City's expense on the north side of Moscrop Street west to Willingdon Avenue. For their part BCIT will construct at their expense a new bike path and boulevard landscaping to complete this section of the urban trail to a finished standard for pedestrians and cyclists. Due to limited right-of-way available on Moscrop Street, the majority of the bike path component will be built on BCIT property with the agreement that BCIT will permit public access.

The total length of urban trail to be built is approximately 275 linear meters. The cost to the City of Burnaby for construction of the walkway and street tree component is estimated to be \$18,500. The cost to BCIT for construction of the bike path and boulevard landscaping components is estimated to be approximately \$30,000. The design and construction of the urban trail work will be by BCIT to meet City of Burnaby standards. Construction is scheduled to commence immediately upon City approval and will be completed in 1993.

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3.0 CONCLUSIONS

The BCIT project outlined in this report presents an opportunity to implement an important section of the planned urban trail at relatively low cost to the City.

Since it is desirable and cost effective to have the urban trail built at this time as part of the BCIT landscaping project it is recommended that Council approve the allocation of \$18,500 from the 1993 Capital Contingency Account for this purpose.

Upon approval from Council, staff will contact BCIT to pursue implementation of the urban trail at this location as outlined in this report.



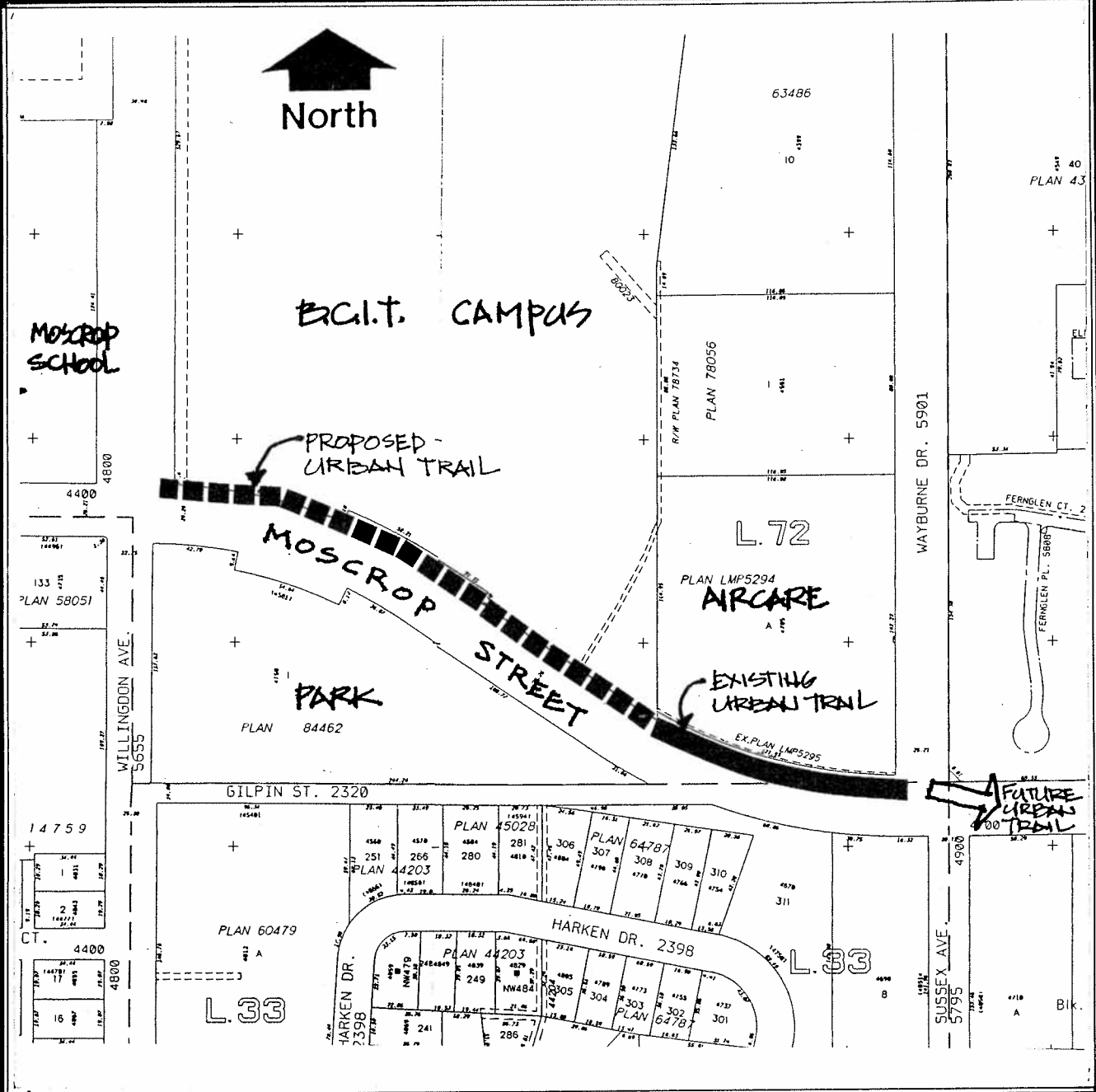
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Attachment

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SKETCH PLAN

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