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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	15
COUNCIL MEETING	93/03/08

TO: CITY MANAGER 1993 MARCH 04
FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 11.720.1
SUBJECT: **APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
TRANSMISSION LINE UNDERGROUNDING GRANTS
PATTERSON AVENUE BETWEEN MAYBERRY AND MAYWOOD STREETS**
PURPOSE: To outline an underground wiring project for submission to the
Provincial Government for cost-sharing assistance.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** staff be authorized to apply to the Municipal Economic Renewal Program from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing for cost-sharing assistance for transmission line undergrounding on Patterson Avenue between Mayberry and Maywood Streets.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

For a number of years, Burnaby has been pursuing an incremental program to remove overhead utility lines from our primary urban areas.

One such project currently being implemented on a phased basis is the underground wiring along Patterson Avenue adjacent Central Park in Metrotown. The phase of this project being pursued for implementation in 1993 consists of the one block section of Patterson Avenue between Mayberry and Maywood Streets.

Projects of this type may be eligible for cost-sharing assistance of up to one-third of capital costs from the Municipal Economic Renewal Program offered by the Provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation, and Housing.

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2.0 COSTS AND FUNDING

The total cost of the proposed 1993 underground wiring project is estimated to be \$191,178. If successful, the proposed application to the Ministry for one-third cost-sharing will cover \$63,726 of this capital cost.

Also, Council has previously authorized an application to B.C. Hydro for an additional one-third cost-sharing on this project under the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program. The status of this previous application is expected to be announced shortly.

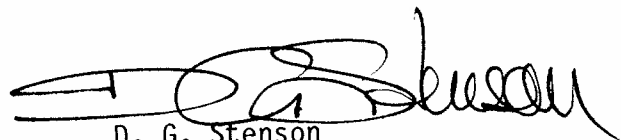
If Burnaby is successful with both applications, the B.C. Hydro program (together with B.C. Tel) will fund one-third, the provincial government will fund one-third, and Burnaby will be required to fund the remaining one-third of the project. Burnaby's share for the 1993 underground wiring project will be \$63,726 plus GST.

Sufficient funds for this project have been approved by Council under Capital Works Bylaw 9820 and will be included in the 1993-1997 Capital Budget.

Work on this project is expected to be completed by 1994 March 31.

3.0 SUMMARY

Upon Council approval to proceed with the application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing, staff will prepare the request for one-third cost-sharing from the Municipal Economic Renewal Program 1993.



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