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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	71
COUNCIL MEETING	94/12/19

TO: ACTING CITY MANAGER 1994 DECEMBER 12

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 08.640

SUBJECT: ACOUSTICAL FENCING - INLET DRIVE

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the results of a meeting with residents of Inlet Drive concerning the provision of acoustical fencing as part of the proposed improvements associated with the Barnet People Moving Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Project Manager, Barnet Hastings People Moving Project, #202, 4634 East Hastings Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 2K5 and all the affected residents of Inlet Drive.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 1994 November 28, Council received a report on a design approach for the development of acoustical fencing on either side of Inlet Drive as a component of the Barnet Hastings People Moving Project. The provision of the decorative, concrete fencing was based on seven design principles derived from previous consultations with the residents of Inlet Drive. At its November 28 meeting, Council adopted the recommendation that it endorse the proposal for acoustic fencing on Inlet Drive as a basis for review by the affected residents.

2.0 MEETING WITH INLET DRIVE RESIDENTS

Following Council's action, staff sent out a letter to the 38 Inlet Drive households inviting their attendance at a meeting on 1994 December 7 at Lochdale Hall to hear a presentation on the proposal and to review materials further detailing the fencing proposal. At the same time, a copy of the report considered by Council on 1994 November 28 was included with the letter to provide background information for the meeting.

3.0 MEETING RESULTS

Twenty-two residents representing 14 households attended the meeting which was hosted by the City and also attended by Ministry of Highways and Transportation staff. Staff also received three phone calls from residents that could not attend the meeting but who expressed their support for the proposal. Following a presentation and question period at the meeting, the residents expressed their strong support for the proposal and gratitude to Council for representing their interests in securing the fencing as part of the road improvements. A number of detailed comments pertaining to individual properties were raised and noted in one on one discussions with residents. These will be reviewed during the design phase associated with the fencing and wall components.

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At the time of initial consultations with the Inlet Drive residents, the conceptual design which closely approximates the material presented at the December 7 meeting was the subject of a survey to Inlet Drive residents. 84 percent of the respondents to the survey indicated their support for acoustical fencing. In view of the strong level of support indicated at the meeting, staff are of the opinion that an additional survey of the Inlet Drive residents is not required.

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

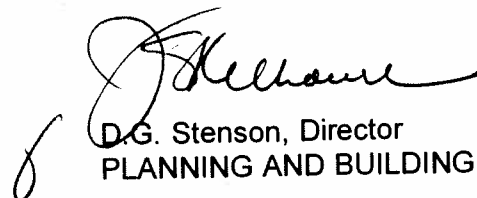
As was outlined in the previous report to Council, the Inlet Drive section of the Barnet Hastings People Moving Project is scheduled for construction to begin in 1995 February with completion in 1995 November.

Under the cost sharing guidelines for projects funded under the Highways Act, the City is responsible for the cost of the acoustical fencing material and associated works. This cost has been estimated to be approximately \$111,000. The cost of installing the fencing and the associated landscaping will be borne by the Barnet Hastings People Moving Project. The total costs of the items (sidewalks, boulevards, fencing, etc.) for which Burnaby will be responsible is estimated at approximately \$958,000. This cost would be offset against the value of the right-of-way for the Hastings-Gaglardi Way Connector as part of the value for value exchange with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the strong level of support from the residents of Inlet Drive for acoustical fencing and their agreement to the specifics of the proposal as presented at the meeting of 1994 December 7, the final design phase for this section of the project can proceed to include acoustical fencing as has been developed in concert with Ministry staff. Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the project, including the design specifics of the acoustical fencing to ensure its adherence to the principles developed in concert with the area residents.


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