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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	53
COUNCIL MEETING	94/09/26

TO: CITY MANAGER 1994 September 21

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION FUND

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT staff be authorized to apply to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing assistance in removing the overhead lines described in this report.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

Appearing on the Council Agenda of 1994 September 12 was an item of correspondence from B.C. Hydro inviting the City of Burnaby to consider projects for submission under the terms of the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program.

For a numbers of years, Burnaby has been pursuing an incremental program to remove overhead power lines from our primary urban areas. Assistance has been received under the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program for projects on Erickson Drive, Cariboo Road, Canada Way, and most recently Patterson Avenue. Underground wiring projects on Patterson Avenue have received funding assistance in each of the last four years (1991-1994).

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2.0 1995 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 1995 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

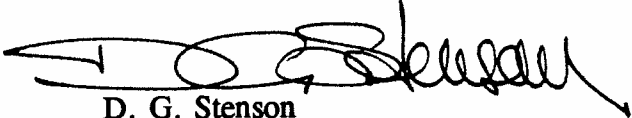
1. Patterson Avenue (Metrotown) from the Willingdon Avenue intersection south to Imperial Street adjacent Central Park, as a southerly continuation of the current Patterson project. This is the concluding segment of the Patterson Avenue beautification project pursued over the previous four years.
2. Elgin Place (cul-de-sac north of Oakland Street).
3. Willingdon Avenue from Hastings Street to Eton Street, adjacent Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool.
4. Halston Court/Cardston Street from Government Road to Lougheed Highway (Lougheed Town Centre).
5. Lane south of the 4000 block of Hastings Street (between MacDonald Avenue and Gilmore Avenue) as a pilot project in conjunction with the Hastings Street Revitalization Project.

Upon Council approval to proceed with the application for these five projects, staff will prepare requests for one-third cost sharing from the B.C. Hydro Beautification Fund.

Upon receipt of Burnaby's application, B.C. Hydro will provide cost estimates for Burnaby's proposed projects. At that time, a further report will be submitted to Council to outline city funding requirements.

3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$230,000 is provided in the 1995 Land Development component of the 1994-1998 Capital Program.



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