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**TO:** CITY MANAGER 1994 MARCH 30

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT:** LETTER TO COUNCIL REGARDING DOVE TREE  
AT 7038 EDMONDS STREET IN THE EDMONDS STATION  
AREA PLAN

**PURPOSE:** To respond to a letter from C. Bennett requesting that the City take steps to protect a unique "Dove" tree that is located on a private lot on a site proposed for redevelopment.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT copies of this report be sent to Claire Bennett, #404-6737 Station Hill Court, Burnaby, V3N 4V2; the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Burnaby Beautification Committee and the owner of the property - Mary Woelk, 7038 Edmonds, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 1A2.

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND:**

On 1994 March 28, Council received correspondence from Claire Bennett that identifies an unusual "Dove" tree (*Davidia involucrata*) that was included in the list of notable trees prepared by the Burnaby Beautification Committee as a result of the "Great Tree Hunt" that the Committee sponsored in 1993. Ms. Bennett requests that the City take steps to protect the tree as the site is proposed for multi-family redevelopment. The letter suggests that the tree be preserved as part of the redevelopment or that Byrne Creek Ravine park area be expanded to incorporate the site with this tree.

**2.0 EXISTING SITUATION:**

This tree is considered by staff to be an excellent example of a "Dove" tree of which there are only two known in Burnaby and rare in this region as they are normally found in warmer climate zones. The tree has a large spreading shape and a trunk size of approximately 15 inches in diameter. These are deciduous trees which produce large white bracts in the late spring. They are also known as "handkerchief" trees.

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The tree is located on a private lot, approximately 12 feet back from the future Edmonds Street property line after a necessary 20 foot road widening is dedicated.

This property is one of seven lots that is proposed to be assembled for CD redevelopment based upon the RM4 residential zone, under the terms of the Edmonds Station Area Plan. (refer attached sketch)

At present, there is no bylaw or other regulation that limits or regulates the cutting or removal of trees on private property. While the proposed "tree" bylaw has been previously discussed with Council, a further report from staff on the matter of an overall policy for the management of trees in the City, is being prepared, it is possible to address the issue of this particular tree through existing procedures.

### **3.0 PROPOSED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ATTEMPT TO PROTECT THIS TREE:**

Three steps are proposed to be taken within the existing administrative procedures to try to protect this tree as follows:

- The Building Department permits desk has been instructed to place a notation on the lot file noting the approximate location of the tree and the fact that this is viewed as a "significant" tree. In the event of an application for a demolition permit being made for the house, the presence of the tree would be made known to the contractor, and staff would request cooperation in the preservation of the tree.
- If there is a new application for rezoning as there was in 1990 (Rezoning Reference #16/90), staff would request that the tree be protected, as was proposed in the original development scheme presented in 1990, and that the underground parking and the proposed residential high rise tower be so located as to appropriately protect the tree.
- It is proposed that a copy of this report be sent to the owner of the tree noting the significance of and community interest in the tree and the desirability of continuing to protect this tree.

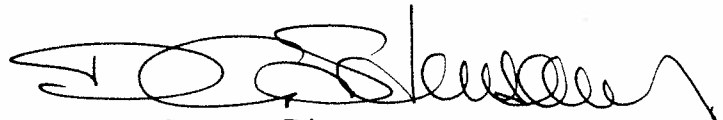
### **4.0 CONCLUSIONS:**

The tree identified by the Burnaby Beautification Committee as a significant tree is of demonstrated interest to the community. While firm legal protection measures are not presently available, communication with the owner and any future contractors or developers will assist in preserving the tree.

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The Heritage Advisory Committee and the Beautification Committee have both expressed an interest in having a joint discussion regarding the possible methods of addressing this type of situation to try to preserve trees that have significance in the community due to their historic, landmark quality or uniqueness. It is therefore proposed that this report be referred to these committees for their information.

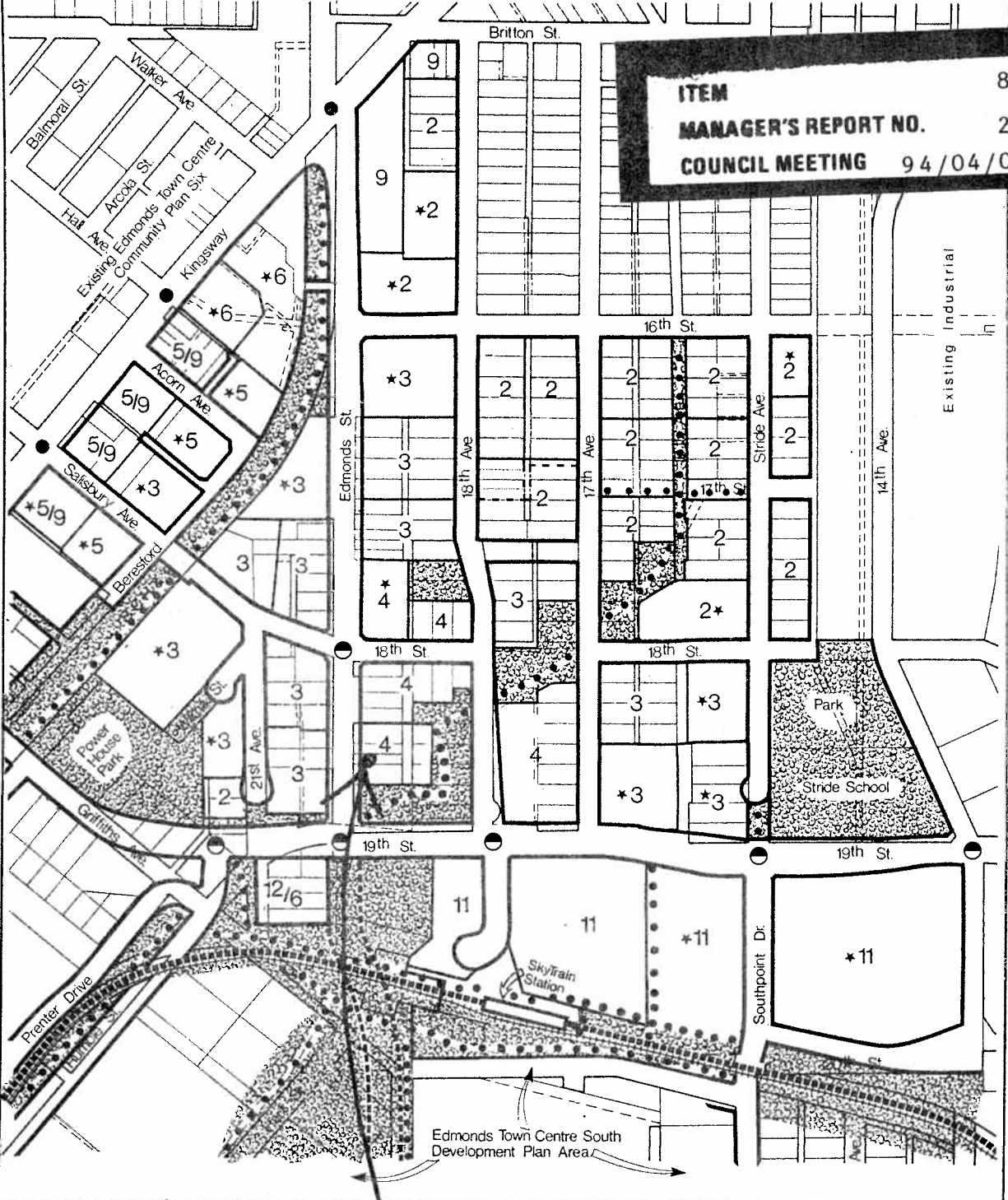


D.G. Stenson, Director  
Planning and Building

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cc: Chief Building Inspector

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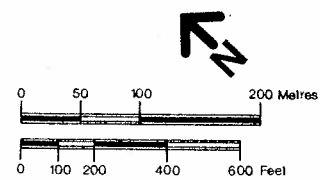
**LEGEND:**

- 2 ▶ Low Rise Multi Family Residential (RM2—40 UPA)
- 3 ▶ Low Rise Multi Family Residential (RM3—50 UPA)
- 4 ▶ High Rise Multi Family Residential (RM4—80 UPA)
- 5 ▶ High Rise Multi Family Residential (RM5—100 UPA)
- 11 ▶ B.C. Hydro Headquarters Complex (RZ \*36/90)
- 12 ▶ Low / Medium Density Office (M5 Guidelines)
- 6 ▶ Institutional
- 9 ▶ Commercial (C 3)

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LOCATION OF "DOVE" TREE

- Park, School, Trail And Ravine Areas
- Walkways / Trails
- \* Developed
- Existing Traffic Signals
- Potential Traffic Signals



**Edmonds Station Area Plan**  
 Expansion Of Community Plan Six