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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	6
COUNCIL MEETING	95/02/13

TO: CITY MANAGER 1995 February 08

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

PURPOSE: To outline Burnaby's underground wiring projects which have been approved for funding assistance under the 1995/96 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

Appearing elsewhere on this Agenda is an item of correspondence from B.C. Hydro advising that the three underground wiring projects submitted by the City of Burnaby for cost-sharing under the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program have been approved.

2.0 COSTS

As outlined in the correspondence, B.C. Hydro will contribute one-third of the estimated costs to underground the overhead hydro lines, with the City contributing the remaining two-thirds. B.C. Hydro's total contribution for the three projects is \$141,667.

Furthermore, in conjunction with the beautification projects, B.C. Tel has agreed to contribute one-third of the costs to underground the overhead telephone lines in these areas, with the City contributing the remaining two-thirds. B.C. Tel's total contribution for the three projects is estimated to be \$14,134.

Council has previously approved Burnaby's share of funding for the three projects. The overall cost to Burnaby, including hydro, telephones, GST and contingencies, is estimated to be:

1. Patterson Avenue (Willingdon to Imperial)	\$ 165,582
2. Elgin Place	29,801
3. Hastings Street Lane (south of 4000 block)	153,830
TOTAL (Burnaby's share) =	\$ 349,213

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3.0 PROJECTS UPDATE

The Patterson Avenue project between Kingsway and Imperial Street in the Central Park area of Metrotown has been pursued in stages over a number of years. The 1995/96 project will complete the underground wiring for the final remaining section of this street.

The Elgin Place project was initiated by area residents. Staff will contact the affected property owners to facilitate the undergrounding of service connections on private property (at the owners' cost) in conjunction with the beautification project on the public road right-of-way.

The Hastings Street Lane project was initiated as a pilot project for lane improvements in conjunction with the Hastings Street Revitalization. Staff will contact affected property owners to coordinate the requirements of the underground wiring.

Construction of all projects funded with assistance through the 1995/96 B.C.Hydro Beautification Program must be commenced before 1996 March 31 and completed within the subsequent twelve months.

4.0 SUMMARY

The three projects submitted by Burnaby for funding assistance within the B.C.Hydro Beautification Program have been approved. Staff will pursue the necessary steps to implement the projects as outlined in this report.

This is for the information of Council.



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