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MANAGER'S REPORT #	42
COUNCIL MEETING	95/09/18

TO: CITY MANAGER

1995 September 12

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
1996/97 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 1996/97 Beautification Program.

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 elsewhere on this Agenda is 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's 1996/97 Beautification Program.

For a numbers of years, Burnaby has been pursuing an incremental program to remove overhead power lines from our primary urban areas. Participation in the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program on a regular basis has provided one-third cost sharing for various such underground wiring projects in Burnaby. For example, funding assistance has been received to underground the overhead lines on Patterson Avenue adjacent Central Park over a 5-year period, with the final segment to be completed this winter under the current (1995/96) Program. Also funded and being implemented under the current (1995/96) Program are projects on Elgin Place and on the Hastings Street lane (south of 4000 block).

2.0 1996/97 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 1996/97 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

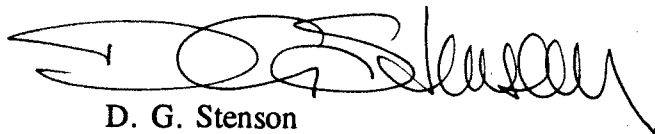
1. Halston Court/Cardston Street (from Government Road to Lougheed Highway) in the Lougheed Town Centre area along the former Government Road right-of-way.
2. Willingdon Avenue (from Hastings Street to the Chevron Refinery boundary at Eton Street) adjacent Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool.
3. Lane north of the 4100 block of Hastings Street (east of Gilmore Avenue) in conjunction with the Hastings Street Revitalization Project.
4. Bennett Street (from Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) in Metrotown, adjacent Lobley Park and the new No. 3 Firehall.
5. Nelson Avenue (from Jubilee to Imperial) in Metrotown, adjacent the Cenotaph area of Bonsor Park.

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 Program.

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 consider priorities and to outline city funding requirements.

3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$355,000 is provided in the 1996 Land Developments component of the 1995-1999 Capital Program.



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