

TO: CITY MANAGER

1995 AUGUST 23

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: EIGHTEENTH STREET UNDERGROUND WIRING

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority to implement an underground wiring project on Eighteenth Street in the Edmonds Town Centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring forward a Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$31,750 to underground overhead wires on Eighteenth Street between Edmonds Street and Nineteenth Avenue.

R E P O R T

In conjunction with the developer-funded project currently being undertaken by B. C. Hydro to underground existing overhead power lines fronting the redevelopment at Salisbury Avenue and Edmonds Street (Rezoning Reference #30/94), the opportunity exists at this time to also remove the overhead lines and poles from the adjacent block fronting Eighteenth Street between Edmonds and Nineteenth Avenue.

Previous redevelopment in this area has provided the necessary pre-ducting in this block as a requirement of rezoning (Rezoning Reference #34/89). An easement required by B. C. Hydro for equipment installation has recently been provided on private property in conjunction with Rezoning Reference #30/94.


In keeping with Council policy to support underground wiring in Burnaby, completion of the proposed project on Eighteenth Street at this time will benefit the overall Edmonds Town Centre community by removing unsightly wires and poles. Also the cost of future beautification projects in this area will be reduced as a result.

The estimated total cost for this work is \$43,000. B. C. Hydro has agreed to undertake the work and will contribute a portion of the costs leaving \$31,750 in funding to be provided by the City.

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In order to implement the proposed underground wiring project at this time, Council is requested to authorize the expenditure of \$31,750 and bring forward a Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw for this amount.

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and the project will be included in the 1995 Community Plan Implementation component of the 1995 - 1999 Capital Program. Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is the Expenditure Bylaw pertaining to this project.


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