

**REPORT**  
**1995 DECEMBER 04**

**CITY OF BURNABY**  
**COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: EAGLES ESTATE HERITAGE GARDEN  
ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT REPORT

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT this report be conveyed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their concurrence.
2. THAT, on the basis of concurrence of Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission to this report, Planning and Parks staff, in consultation with Rink and McGinn Associates, be authorized to prepare a report outlining the proposed Conservation Management Plan process for the site.

**REPORT**

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 1995 November 22 received and adopted the attached staff report detailing the draft assessment report on the Eagles Estate Heritage Garden site prepared by Rink and McGinn Associates.

Arising from the discussion, your Commission recommended that the consultant, Rink and McGinn Associates, be consulted regarding the proposed conservation management plan process for the site.

A copy of the Consultant's Heritage Garden Assessment report has been provided to Council members under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Councillor D. Lawson,  
Chair

Councillor D. Drummond,  
Vice Chair

**COPY: CITY MANAGER**  
**DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING**  
**DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

*CITY OF BURNABY*

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION 1995 November 16  
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING Our File: 10.346  
SUBJECT: **Eagles Estate Heritage Garden Assessment  
Consultant Report**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the Community Heritage Commission endorse the findings of the Eagles Estate Heritage Garden Assessment Report as a basis for pursuing a management plan.
2. THAT the report be conveyed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their concurrence.
3. THAT, on the basis of concurrence of the Community Heritage Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission to this report, Planning and Parks staff, be authorized to prepare a report outlining the proposed Conservation Management Plan process for the site.

**REPORT**

**Background:**

On 1995 May 01 Council approved the designation of the Eagles Estate with its landmark house and garden as a City heritage site. Among five recommendations for the site, forwarded by the Heritage Commission, Council approved: "THAT the Eagles garden be reviewed to determine the extent of the site that should be designated as a heritage garden and how it can be incorporated within the Park master plan and to prepare appropriate management guidelines for the site."

A further report was prepared for the Heritage Commission and approved by Council on 1995 July 10, which outlined a proposal to conduct a heritage value assessment of the Eagles Estate Garden.

This report on the heritage value assessment has now been completed for the review of the Heritage Commission. The draft assessment report had been reviewed by both Parks and Planning staff.

The report assesses the extent of the site and concludes that the garden is significant and that restoration of the site is justified. The assessment report recommends that a conservation management plan be prepared to outline how the site will be restored and maintained and how it will fit into Deer Lake Park.

#### Heritage Garden Assessment:

The garden study, conducted by Ms. Deborah Rink of Rink and McGinn Associates, is an in-depth evaluation of the heritage features contained within the Eagles Estate. The report identifies the Eagles Garden as a highly significant heritage garden and in all likelihood, the most important site of this type in the City. This assessment is based on an extensive evaluation of its historic, artistic, and cultural significance.

This evaluation has enabled the consultant to respond to the three questions posed through the original Council recommendation:

- *Extent of the Site*

In terms of the extent of the site to be designated as a heritage garden, the report concludes that the entire site should be protected by City bylaw. As a significant City heritage site it is appropriate that all of the site's future restoration and development be carefully considered.

- *Appropriate Management Guidelines*

The report determined that given its heritage value, a complete garden restoration of the Eagles Estate is justified. This report is intended to serve as a basis for determining the level of restoration that would be decided contingent on the resources available that the City can draw from. Maintenance requirements would be determined as part of a Conservation Management Plan which would identify immediate and long term goals for the site and would determine how to balance the preservation of the garden while providing for its integration as a public feature for interpretation and enjoyment of the public within Deer Lake Park.

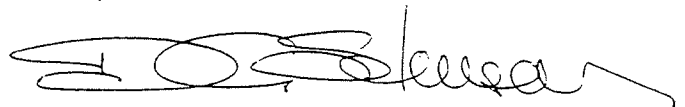
- *Incorporation Into the Park*

A fundamental question is how to integrate the garden into the planning for an expanded Deer Lake Park. The report concludes that the Eagles Estate is part of a larger heritage precinct within Deer Lake Park. A conservation management plan for the heritage resources in the Park area should also be considered in order that the development of the Park and development of the Estate are mutually supportive. The integration of the Estate into the park is a topic for discussion during the master plan process for Deer Lake Park which is anticipated to take place in 1996/97.

**Next Steps:**

Upon the endorsement by the Heritage Commission with the contents of the Heritage Garden Assessment report it is proposed that it be forwarded for concurrence by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Upon completion of the review of the report by the Parks Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff from Parks and Planning will bring forward a report that will include any further issues raised and propose a course of action for the management of the site by the Parks and Recreation Department.



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Director Planning and Building

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cc: Director Recreation and Cultural Services