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TO: CITY MANAGER 1995 February 01

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: URBAN TRAIL ON EASTLAKE DRIVE

PURPOSE: To respond to comments from a delegation regarding proposed implementation plans for the urban trail on Eastlake Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to John Coburn at 3030 Carina Place, Burnaby, B.C. V3J 1B5.

REPORT

A report to Council recommending adoption of the recommendations contained in Item 11, Manager's Report No.66, 1994 November 28 regarding the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail from Production Way to Cameron Library and Recreation Centre was tabled 1995 January 09 to allow an opportunity for a delegation to appear before Council.

At the regular Council Meeting held on 1995 January 16, Council received a delegation from a resident of the area concerned with the development of the section of the urban trail proposed for Eastlake Drive.

The delegation expressed a view that plans to build a high school in the area will result in increased roadway noise from Gagliardi Way reaching the townhomes above Eastlake. It was requested that construction of the urban trail along this section of Eastlake be delayed until it is determined whether or not the high school project will proceed.

The delegation suggested that if the high school is built, then the urban trail should be included within the school property west of the railway, thus allowing retention of the existing vegetation on the east side of the railway property as a partial buffer for the townhouses on Eastlake. If the high school is not built then the trail could continue as planned on the east side of the railway.

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The delegation also noted that future plans to extend Eastlake to Government Street provides an opportunity to reconfigure the intersection of Beaverbrook Drive and Eastlake into a 'T' to improve safety.

As previously reported to Council 1994 November 28, the access and roadway requirements of the new high school facility being proposed in this area by the Burnaby School Board may have some impact on the development standard achievable for the urban trail along Eastlake Drive and for this reason trail plans will require coordination with ongoing plans for the school.

The proposed trail alignment is planned to follow along the west side of the existing Eastlake roadway and, while linkages to the school are desirable and can be provided in conjunction with the school development, the trail itself is not required to encroach upon school property. Placing the trail onto the proposed school site would require two crossings of the railway and would result in a more circuitous overall route for the general public using the trail.

The trail alignment outlined in the referenced report to Council is the result of a thorough public process involving neighborhood residents, and the analysis of a variety of route options, including consideration of the best route relative to plans for the proposed school. The Stoney Creek Residents Committee has responded favorably to the recommended trail alignment and has indicated to Council that the recommendations and concerns of the Committee have been addressed.

Regarding the removal of existing natural vegetation on the east side of the railway property, trail construction will require some clearing and slope stabilization in this area. Preliminary trail plans propose that natural vegetation will be restored to areas where sufficient space remains and this will be reinforced by additional tree-planting on the boulevards fronting Eastlake. Also, in keeping with the desired objective of creating a landscaped greenway character along urban trail corridors, additional tree-planting can be considered for the east side of Eastlake (in front of the townhomes) subject to the agreement of residents.

As indicated in the referenced report to Council, staff will continue to work with residents of the neighborhood in developing detailed plans for the trail, including details of screening and landscaping desired by residents.

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A future report to Council is required to outline plan details, final standards, funding requirements and construction schedule for the trail development. Further information regarding the status of the high school plans as related to the trail project will be provided to Council at that time. Future development of the proposed school will require rezoning of the site from the existing M3 designation and will require a Public Hearing as part of that rezoning process.

Regarding the delegation's suggestion for the reconfiguration of the Beaverbrook/Eastlake intersection, this is a consideration that will be addressed in any future planning of the Eastlake extension and also in conjunction with the proposed high school project. Also, detailed design of the urban trail will consider the need to provide a physical barrier as an additional separation from motor vehicles at this location.

This report is for the information of Council.



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