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MANAGER'S REPORT #	02
COUNCIL MEETING	96/01/15

TO: CITY MANAGER 1996 January 09

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILES: 01.301
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SUBJECT: BOAT MARINA, BURRARD INLET

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information in response to a request to consider the establishment of a boat marina in Burrard Inlet.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to:

Mr. Lorne Reesor, Port Captain
Burnaby Power & Sail Squadron
2055 Paulus Crescent
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Mr. Patrick McLaughlin
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Vancouver Port Corporation
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Vancouver, B.C. V6C 29P

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At the 1996 January 08 Council meeting a letter was received from the Burnaby Power & Sail Squadron requesting Council to give consideration to appropriating funds for the construction of a marina in Burrard Inlet. Reference is made to the Berry Point leasehold site at the foot of Penzance Drive (formerly leased by Goodwin Johnson) as being one candidate site.

The development plan for the Barnet Marine Park which was prepared in 1975 provides for the future development of a marina and a public boat launching facility in the eastern sector of the Park. At that time a wet-berth marina of approximately 500 to 600 boats (catering to 18 to 30 foot boats) was noted as being of sufficient size to attract private funding for development and operation on a rental lease arrangement to be established by the City. A public boat launching ramp was envisaged as a facility adjacent to, but separate from the marina operation.

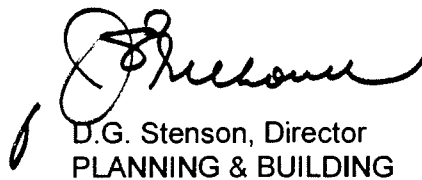
The concept was further refined in 1979 with access to the proposed marina and boat launching facilities to be provided via a vehicular overpass of the railway utilizing the existing Cariboo Road right-of-way as shown on Figure 1 *attached*. The fact that the Cariboo Road right-of-way is senior to the railway right-of-way has significant funding implications which would be of benefit to the City in allocating the costs of this proposed access. With the recent upgrading of the Barnet Highway, the intersection with Cariboo Road has been channelized and signalized to accommodate future access to the eastern sector of the Barnet Marine Park.

2.0 EXISTING SITUATION

While the development plan for the Barnet Marine Park does provide for marina and boat launching facilities, it must be recognized that the development of the Reed Point Marina in Port Moody may well have met much of the demand for berthing facilities. Certainly a full review of the current market demand and other factors would need to be undertaken before any recommendations could be advanced regarding the development of these facilities at the Barnet Marine Park site. As well, factors such as vehicular access across the railway and associated parking will need to be carefully considered.

With regard to the Burnaby Power & Sail Squadron's suggestion that the Berry Point site be considered as a suitable site, Council is aware that a dialogue has been initiated with the Port of Vancouver regarding the redevelopment of this area. While it is not proposed to provide for a marina at this location, on 1994 December 05 Council requested that consideration be given to incorporating a commercial or public boat launching facility within the redevelopment concept for the site.

The City will be initiating a comprehensive review of the Burrard Inlet foreshore to develop a contemporary land use plan for this area. At a recent meeting between Members of Council and the Vancouver Port Corporation Board, there was agreement that the Port Corporation should participate with the City in the preparation of the updated foreshore plan. One of the issues that will be addressed in the preparation of the plan is a review of potential opportunities along the foreshore for marina and/or boat launching facilities. These could be evaluated either as singular uses, or in the case of a small boat launch facility, possibly as part of a mixed use development at the Berry Point location.

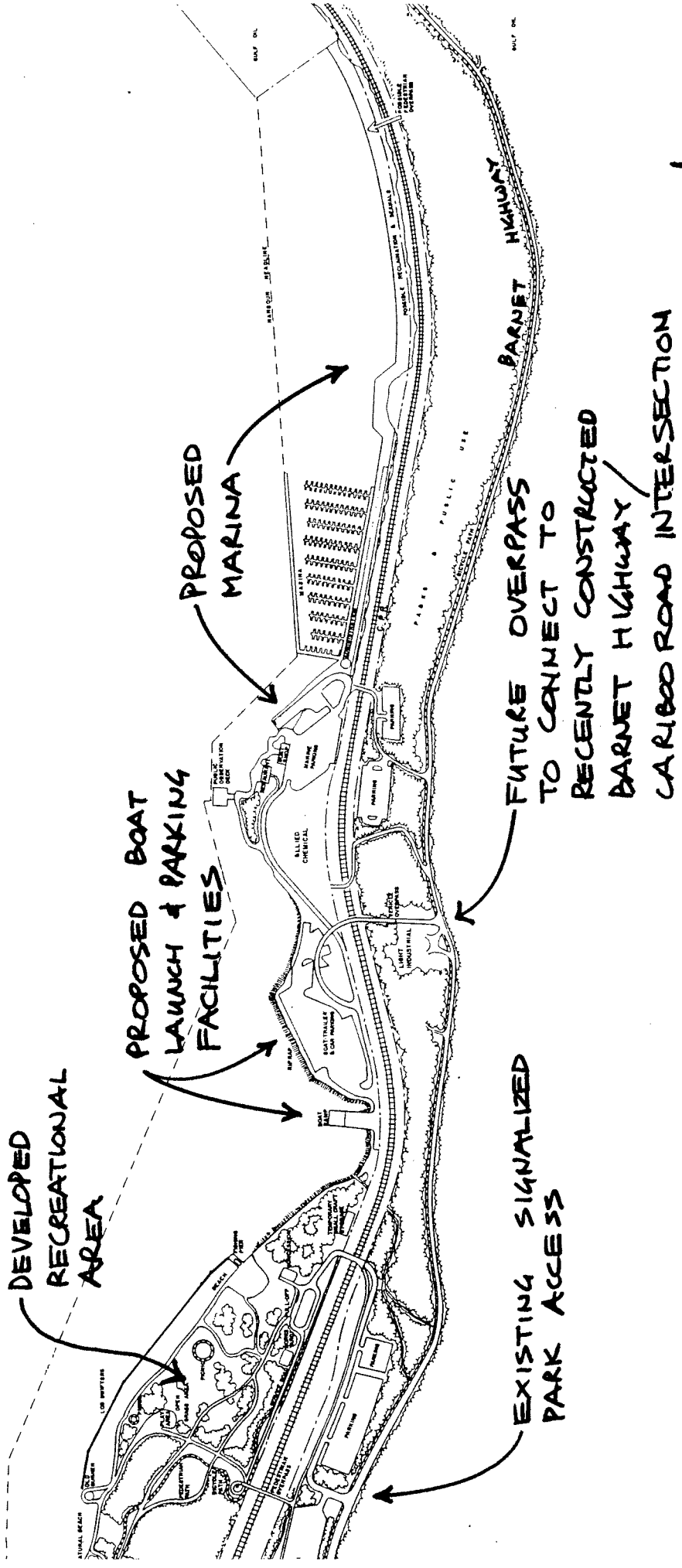

D.G. Stenson, Director
PLANNING & BUILDING


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Attachment

cc: Director Recreation & Cultural Services

BURRARD INLET



BARNET MARINE PARK
DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

FIGURE 1
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