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MANAGER'S REPORT #	20
COUNCIL MEETING	96/07/22

**TO: CITY MANAGER** **1996 JULY 17**

**FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY GARDEN USE OF IPM PRINCIPLES  
REZONING REFERENCE #26/96  
3802 HASTINGS STREET AND 3885-3897 PENDER STREET  
HASTINGS STREET AREA PLAN**

**PURPOSE:** To inform Council of the use of IPM principles in the interim community garden proposed for 3885-3897 Pender Street through Rezoning Reference #26/96.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Diana Hall, Heights Neighbourhood Association Treasurer and Community Garden Chair, c/o Gilmore Community School, 50 South Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, B. C., V5C 4P5.

**R E P O R T**

At the 1996 July 08 Council meeting, Rezoning Reference #26/96 to provide development guidelines for the above referenced site and to allow an interim community garden on the Pender Street portion received Second Reading. At that time staff were also requested to report on the IPM (Integrated Pest Management) principles being used in the community garden. This rezoning bylaw appears elsewhere on the same agenda for Consideration and Third Reading.

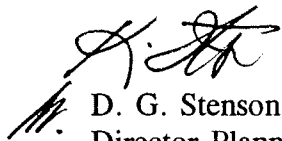
Staff have contacted the Heights Neighbourhood Association (HNA) which is sponsoring the community garden. They confirmed that the site design and management of the site will be based on an ecological approach incorporating IPM principles. To this end, the HNA has been provided with a copy of the City's adopted IPM policy and principles. They are in agreement with the policy and principles and will be working with staff to ensure that the detailed design will be reflective of these policies and principles. In addition the bylaws of the Community Garden, which are modeled on those of the Burnaby and Regional Allotment Gardens Association, require organic gardening procedures. This is also reflected in the Licence agreement between the City and the HNA.

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Moreover, the HNA indicates that since the garden will be primarily used for producing food, the gardeners are expected to have a strong incentive to be careful in their stewardship of the site and to protect environmental quality and human health and safety. As the plots average less than 150 square feet, it is simple for individual gardeners to maintain the site through labour intensive means such as hand weeding and picking off pests. The common areas are to be maintained reflecting community values through volunteer efforts organized by a paid volunteer co-ordinator.

The intent of this Community Garden, therefore, is to provide a site for organic gardening following IPM principles which the HNA fully supports.

This is for the information of Council.

  
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cc: City Solicitor