

TO: CITY MANAGER 1996 September 18

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **CYCLE NETWORK PROGRAM 1996/97
AWARD OF GRANTS TO BURNABY**

PURPOSE: To provide information to Council regarding cost-sharing grants awarded to Burnaby for two projects; and to seek Council's authority to bring down two Capital Works Expenditure Bylaws for the design and implementation of the successful projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$125,000 be brought down to fund the design and construction of the final stages of the Frances-Union bike route.
2. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$310,000 be brought down to fund the design and construction of the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail from Broadway to the south end of Eastlake Drive.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

On 1996 April 22, the Provincial Government announced the award of capital cost-sharing grants to six municipalities in Greater Vancouver, totalling \$1.32m, to assist in the development of local cycling infrastructure. The City of Burnaby was successful in receiving two grants totalling \$175,000 in Provincial contributions, as follows:

1. Frances-Union Bike Route (bike path sections) \$ 50,000
2. Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail (Broadway to Eastlake) . . . \$125,000

A third grant request for \$125,000 to assist in development of the Lakefield Bike Route was not approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION

The Frances-Union Bike Route project is currently being implemented with cost-sharing from the Province through the previous year's Cycle Network Program (1995/96). However, three bike path segments of the route were excluded from that year's funding approvals due to a need to coordinate the work with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways' Barnet/Hastings roadway project. Funding for the three bike path segments of the route was subsequently applied for and approved in the current 1996/97 Cycle Network Program. The Ministry's related roadway work is now complete, and with the approval of Burnaby's 1996/97 grant application, it is now desirable to fund implementation of the final stages of the Frances-Union Bike Route.

The Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail (Broadway to south end of Eastlake Drive) is a continuation of the existing phased urban trail project that has been constructed to date between Bayview Drive/Barnet Highway and Underhill Avenue/Broadway. This trail consists of an off-street separated bike path and walkway facility approved as part of Burnaby's Urban Trail System.

Subject to Council approval, the Engineering and Planning and Building Departments will cooperate to pursue completion of these projects in a timely manner. Under the terms of the Cycle Network Program (1996/97), these projects must be completed by 1997 March 31.

3.0 FINANCING

3.1 FRANCES-UNION BIKE ROUTE

The total estimated cost for the bike path segments of the Frances-Union project is estimated at \$125,000. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available, however this project is included in the 1997 Bicycle Program component of the 1996-2000 Capital Program. With Council approval, this project will be brought forward from 1997 which will cause the 1996 Capital Spending Limit to be exceeded.

The Province has approved grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 which will be offset against the total costs. Council is being requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure bylaw in the amount of \$125,000 to finance this project.

3.2 BURNABY MOUNTAIN URBAN TRAIL

The total estimated cost for the Burnaby Mountain Trail project from Broadway to the south end of Eastlake Drive is estimated at \$360,000. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and this project is included under the 1996 and 1997 Urban Trails component of the 1996-2000 Capital Program, however the estimated expenditures exceed the 1996 budgeted amount by \$159,000 and will therefore cause the Capital Spending Limit to be exceeded.

The Province has approved grant funding in the amount of \$125,000 which will be offset against the total project costs. Capital Reserve funds in the amount of \$50,000 is remaining on an existing work order which will be applied towards this phase of the project. Council is being requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditures bylaw in the amount of \$310,000 to finance this project.



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