

TO: CITY MANAGER 1996 September 18

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
1997/98 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 1997/98 Beautification Program.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** staff be authorized to apply to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing assistance in removing the overhead lines described in this report.

**R E P O R T**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

Appearing on the Council Agenda of 1996 September 09 was an item of correspondence from B.C. Hydro inviting the City of Burnaby to consider projects for submission under the terms of B.C. Hydro's 1997/98 Beautification Program.

For a numbers of years, Burnaby has been pursuing an incremental program to remove overhead power lines from our primary urban areas. Participation in the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program on a regular basis has provided one-third cost sharing for various such underground wiring projects. For example, funding assistance has been received to underground the overhead lines on Patterson Avenue adjacent Central Park over a 5-year period, with the final segment to be completed this year. Also funded and being implemented under the Beautification Program are projects on Elgin Place, the Hastings Street lane (south of 4000 block) and the initial stage of the Government Street Corridor (Lougheed Town Centre).

## 2.0 1997/98 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 1997/98 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

1. Halston Court/Cardston Street in the Lougheed Town Centre area along the former Government Street right-of-way. This will be an extension to the existing project being implemented under the current Program (1996/97).
2. Willingdon Avenue (from Hastings Street to the Chevron Refinery boundary at Eton Street) adjacent Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool.
3. Lane north of the 4100 block of Hastings Street (east of Gilmore Avenue) in conjunction with the Hastings Street Revitalization Project.
4. Bennett Street (from Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) in Metrotown, adjacent Lobley Park and the new No. 3 Firehall.
5. Nelson Avenue (from Jubilee to Imperial) in Metrotown, adjacent the Cenotaph area of Bonsor Park.

Upon Council approval to proceed with the application for these five projects, staff will prepare requests for one-third cost sharing from the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program.

Upon receipt of Burnaby's application, B.C. Hydro will provide cost estimates for Burnaby's proposed projects. At that time, a further report will be submitted to Council to consider priorities and to outline city funding requirements for specific projects that Council wishes to proceed with in the 1997/98 Program..

## 3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$200,000 is provided in the 1997 Land Development component of the 1996-2000 Capital Program.



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