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Manager's Report No.	29
Council Meeting	97/11/17

TO: CITY MANAGER 1997 NOVEMBER 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING Our File: 11.160.4

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
 1998/99 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT FOR 1998 - GOVERNMENT STREET
 (CARRIGAN COURT TO GOVERNMENT STREET)

PURPOSE: To outline the status of Burnaby's application to B.C. Hydro for underground wiring assistance and to seek Council authorization to pursue the priority project on Government Street (Carrigan Court to Government Street) for 1998.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$189,000 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines on Government Street (Carrigan Court to Government Street).
2. THAT authorization be given to execute the agreement of Statutory Right-of-Way over a portion of the former Government Street roadway between Carrigan Court and Halston Court, in favour of B.C. Hydro & Power Authority under the terms and conditions outlined this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

On 1997 October 06, Council authorized staff to apply to the 1998/99 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program for one-third (1/3) cost-sharing assistance for the removal of overhead power lines at various locations in Burnaby.

B.C. Hydro has provided the following preliminary cost estimates for Burnaby's projects:

1. Government Street (Carrigan to Government)	\$ 239,000
2. Willingdon Avenue (Hastings to Eton)	728,000
3. Bennett Street (Nelson to Marlborough)	210,000
4. Nelson Avenue (Jubilee to Imperial)	142,000

B.C. Hydro requires that funding for the City's two-thirds (2/3) share of project costs be confirmed by Council at this time in order that Burnaby's projects can be submitted to B.C. Hydro's Board of Directors in 1998 January for approval of cost-sharing under the terms of the Beautification Program. If Burnaby is successful in this application the work would be required to commence by 1998 March 31.

2.0 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT

While all four projects outlined have merit as desirable beautification projects, it is recognized that the total cost is prohibitive unless phased over a number of years in conjunction with the City's overall capital spending priorities. Therefore, it is proposed that the Government Street project be pursued as the final phase of this project as a priority for the 1998/99 Program (see attached Sketch #1). The second phase of this project was approved in last year's program and is currently being implemented by B.C. Hydro. The proposed project for 1998/99 is approximately 335 metres in length and would complete the underground wiring along the former Government Street corridor. Staff have discussed the proposed project with B.C. Hydro staff who have indicated support for our application to complete this project.

3.0 PROJECT COSTS - GOVERNMENT STREET FINAL PHASE

Project costs and City of Burnaby funds required for the proposed project are outlined below based on preliminary estimates:

Estimated undergrounding costs	\$ 239,000
B.C. Hydro contribution (1/3 total)	80,000
City of Burnaby contribution (2/3 total)	\$160,000
Add: 10% contingency	16,000
7% GST	<u>12,320</u>
City of Burnaby Funding Required	\$188,320
Net Cost (after 4% GST rebate)	\$181,280

4.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and, with Council approval, \$189,000 will be included in the 1998 Land Assembly and Development component of the 1998-2002 Provisional Capital Program.

5.0 REQUEST FOR A STATUTORY RIGHT-OF-WAY

As part of the proposed priority project, conditional on Council granting funding authorization, B.C. Hydro will underground existing overhead wires along the former Government Street between Halston Court and Carrigan Court. The underground ducting will be located in the centre of the former Government Street road allowance running the entire length between Halston Court and Carrigan Court and require an area approximately 103 metres long and 3 metres wide. The grassed areas disturbed by the work will be restored to their original condition by B.C. Hydro. In order to underground the overhead wires B.C. Hydro has requested a statutory right-of-way along the City-owned, former Government Street road allowance as indicated on the attached Sketch #2.

The preparation of the right-of-way agreement and review of its terms by the City Solicitor will be coordinated by the Engineering Department as part of the B.C. Hydro Beautification Project. In order to proceed, staff require Council authority to enter into an agreement with B.C. Hydro. Staff is seeking Council authority pursuant to Subsection (2) of Section 539 of the Municipal Act whereby Council may, by resolution (requires an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of all Council members), grant rights-of-way over City owned property.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The removal of overhead utility lines is considered to be a desirable and worthwhile endeavour for the City of Burnaby to pursue jointly with B.C. Hydro through the B.C. Hydro Beautification program.

It is proposed that the completion of the final phase of the underground wiring project on Government Street (Carrigan Court to Government Street) be given priority for 1998 in Burnaby's current application to B.C. Hydro.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$189,000 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines as outlined in this report.

In order to proceed with the final phase of the Government Street underground wiring project a statutory right-of-way in favour of B.C. Hydro is required. Therefore, it is recommended that Council authorize the execution of the subject statutory right-of-way under the terms and conditions outlined in this report.



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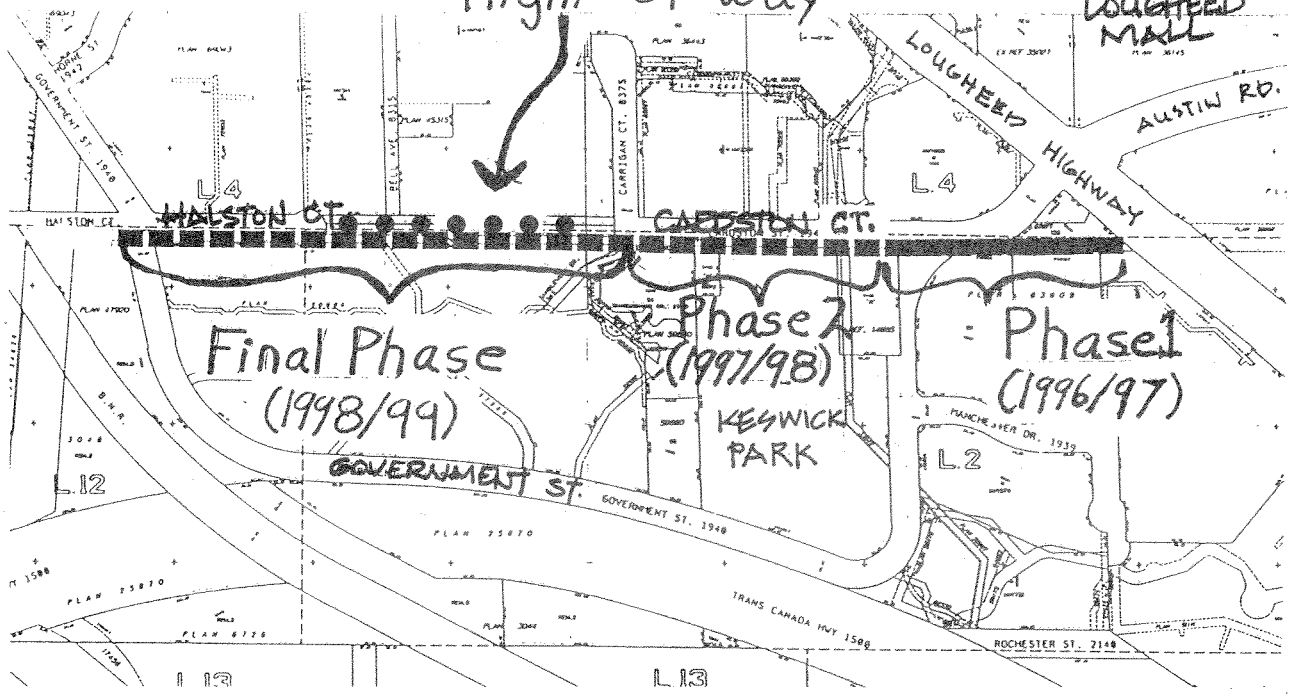
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Director Finance
City Solicitor

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Requested Statutory
Right-of-Way



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SKETCH # 1.

HALSTON CT. / CARDSTON / GOVERNMENT ST.

