

CITY OF BURNABY
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: EAGLES ESTATE GARDEN

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a letter of thanks be sent, with a copy of the "Eagles Estate Heritage Development Assessment Report" to the B.C. Heritage Trust for their financial assistance for the preparation of the study.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission, upon consideration of the attached staff report, advise that they concur with the decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission on the location of the Deer Lake pedestrian trail and look forward to working with the Parks Commission on development of a plan to utilize the Eagles Estate Garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Doreen Lawson
Chair

Councillor Celest Redman
Vice Chair

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TO: SECRETARY
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

1997 APRIL 17

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: 10.346 /Eagles Garden

SUBJECT: EAGLES ESTATE GARDEN

PURPOSE: To seek endorsement of the location of the proposed Deer Lake trail and to outline the next steps in the conservation of the Eagles Garden.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Community Heritage Commission support the development of the proposed Deer Lake pedestrian trail in the location between the Eagles Garden and the riparian edge of the lake.
2. THAT a letter of thanks be sent, with a copy of the "Eagles Estate Heritage Development Assessment Report" to the B.C. Heritage Trust for their financial assistance for the preparation of the study.

REPORT

1.0 Background:

On 1997 February 20 the Community Heritage Commission received a presentation from D. Rink of Rink and McGinn Associates who provided a summary of the report, "Eagles Estate Heritage Development Assessment". This report outlines alternative uses for the development of the house and garden as a public facility within Deer Lake Park. The report concluded that, in light of the valuable historic resource represented by the Eagles house and garden, the site should be utilized as an adaptive re-use that positively impacts the heritage character of the site. The report went on to suggest that the house be utilized as a community meeting or rental space or as an interpretive centre for the park. The report also noted that the main trail in this area should, as far as possible, skirt or go around the garden site as far as possible to mitigate possible negative effects on the potential to restore the historic garden.

On 1997 April 02, the Community Heritage Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission met together to hear a presentation from the consultant, D. Rink, and to discuss the future potential restoration process for the garden within the framework of Deer Lake Park and to discuss several options for the location of the main trail around the lake. There was considerable discussion about the alternative locations for the main trail and for the smaller paths which would allow for circulation within the garden.

2.0 Current Situation:

The Parks and Recreation has now made a decision on the location of the main pedestrian trail which is to skirt the north corner of the garden in an area which lies between the developed edge of the garden and the riparian edge of the lake. This location basically minimizes the impact of the trail on the heritage features of the site. Due to the wetness of the area, a portion of the trail will be on a boardwalk. This location avoids some of the principal outdoor "rooms" that are conspicuous elements of the garden that was a concern of the consultant and the members of the Community Heritage Commission. This proposal will afford views into the garden and will also include a new east-west secondary path which traverses the garden on the old driveway terrace which will provide public access in a way which is not intrusive to the garden (refer attached sketch).

3.0 Next Steps:

It would now be appropriate to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to develop a plan for the long term restoration of the Eagles Estate. Currently, the house is in good condition and is being rented for residential purposes until such time as it is required for public use. It is appropriate to work out a plan for phased restoration of the garden that would proceed as funds are available. While a fairly detailed plan for the restoration is desirable, the actual work that takes place will need to be related to the financial resources which can be put together for the project. Once a plan for the various aspects of the restoration is prepared, then private and public funds could be sought for the work. In the interim, the Parks and Recreation Department is doing limited pruning, tree monitoring and grass cutting to provide a basic level of maintenance on the garden.

Funds for the garden restoration plan would need to be provided from City and/or Community Heritage Commission sources. Staff will work with the Parks and Recreation Department and will bring back a report on this matter.

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4.0 Conclusion:

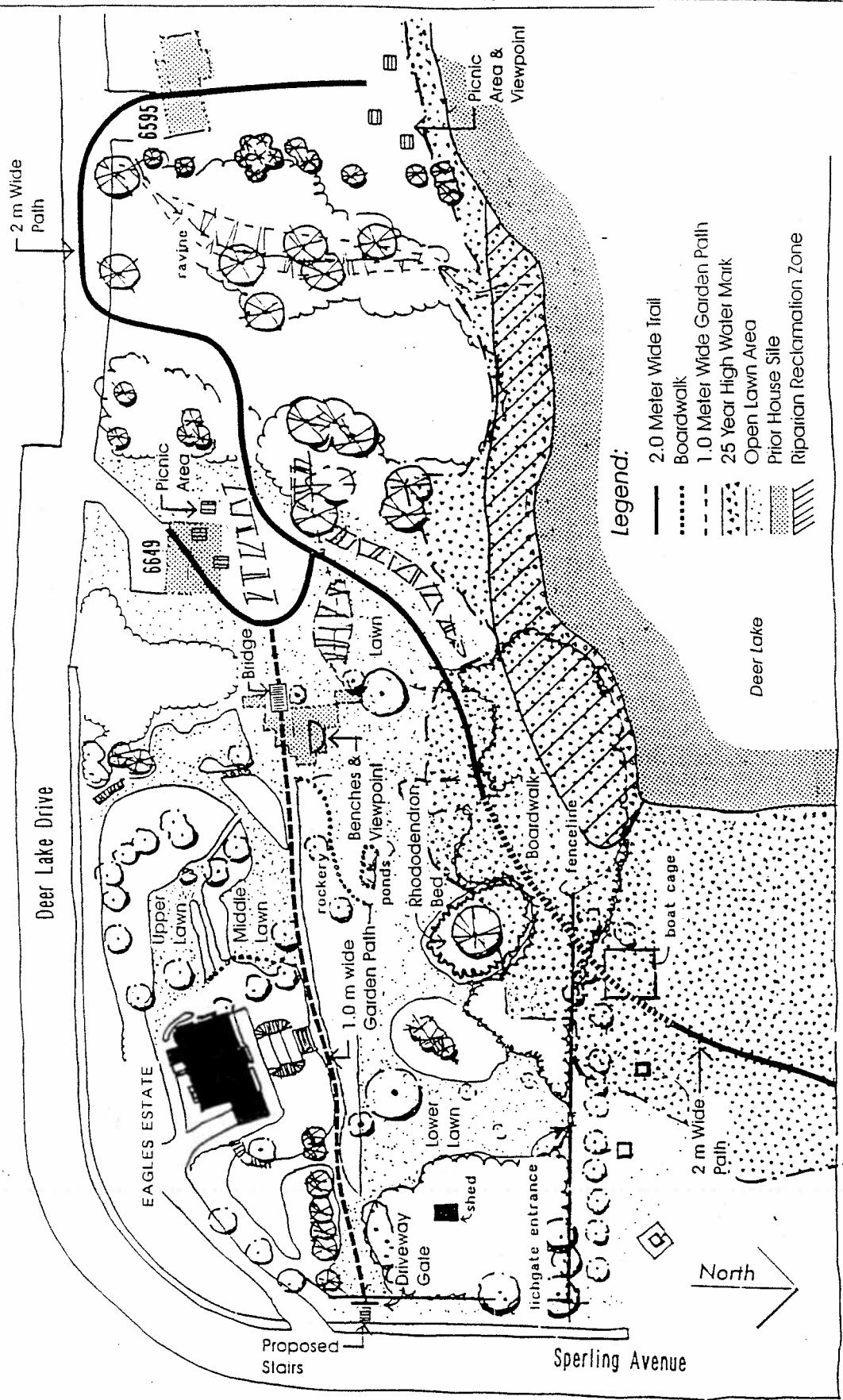
Now that the location of the trail has been established, it is appropriate to move on towards the development of a plan for the Eagles Estate that will provide for the restoration of the garden to the degree that funds are available, to provide a useful and interesting heritage feature garden experience within the framework of Deer Lake Park.



D. G. Stenson
Director Planning and Building

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Att.

cc: Acting Director Recreation & Cultural Services



Legend:

- 2.0 Meter Wide Trail
- Boardwalk
- - - 1.0 Meter Wide Garden Path
- 25 Year High Water Mark
- Open Lawn Area
- Pit House Site
- Riparian Reclamation Zone

