

TO: CITY MANAGER

1997 October 01

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
1998/99 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 1998/99 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 elsewhere on this Agenda is 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 1998/99 Beautification Program with a deadline for submissions of 1997 October 10.

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 which is now virtually complete. 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 1998/99 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 1998/99 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

1. Carrigan Court/Government Street in the Lougheed Town Centre area along the former Government Street right-of-way. This will be a third phase extension to the existing project being implemented under the current Program (1997/98). Phase One (1996/97) was between the Lougheed Highway and Cardston Court. Phase Two (1997/98) is between Cardston Court and Carrigan Court.
2. Willingdon Avenue (from Hastings Street to the Chevron Refinery boundary at Eton Street) adjacent Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool.
3. Bennett Street (from Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) in Metrotown, adjacent Lobley Park and the new No. 3 Firehall.
4. 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 four 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 1998/99 Program.

## 3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$406,160 is provided in the 1998 Land Development component of the 1997-2001 Capital Program.



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