

TO : CITY MANAGER DATE: 1998 APRIL 23

FROM : DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : BURNABY MOUNTAIN PORTION OF THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL
CONSTRUCTION - B.C. E-TEAM GRANT APPLICATION

PURPOSE : To request Council to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$187,250 for the construction of the first segment of Trans Canada Trail on Burnaby Mountain.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$187,250 be brought down for the construction of the first segment of the Trans Canada Trail on Burnaby Mountain.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1998 April 22, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.


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cc: Director Planning & Building
Director Finance
President, CUPE Local 23
Director Human Resources

REVISED

SUBJECT: BURNABY MOUNTAIN PORTION OF THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL CONSTRUCTION - B.C. E- TEAM GRANT APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$187,250 from the 1998 Major Capital Budget be approved for the construction of the first segment of the Trans Canada Trail on Burnaby Mountain.
2. THAT Council be requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$187,250 to construct the first segment of the Trans Canada Trail on Burnaby Mountain.

REPORT

The British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks has recently announced that it is seeking sponsors for 1,580 Environment Youth Team (E-Team) Program jobs, a part of its Youth Options B.C. initiative. Employers, who are seen as "sponsors", hire young people aged 16-24, and not attending school full-time. Sponsors provide youth with work experience and training on environmental and outdoor recreation projects. At least 20 percent of the project time must be dedicated to training. Application deadlines are 1998 April 15 and 1998 June 23. Approved projects begin in April 1998 and must be completed by 1999 March 31.

The E-Team Program has three components, Work Crews, Interns and Eco-Ed. The Work Crews component is suitable for the first segment of the Trans Canada Trail construction on Burnaby Mountain. Work Crews consist of five crew members and a working supervisor. Crews work in the field for 10-14 weeks on projects with an environmental or outdoor recreation focus.

The Trans Canada Trail is a national project to celebrate the Millennium. The inauguration of the lower Mainland link was held in Central Park in 1992. In October of 1997, staff presented a report to City Council outlining the proposed route for the Trans Canada Trail through North Burnaby and received authorization to work with Trails B.C. in the preparation of a phased implementation program for the Trans Canada Trail.

The Burnaby Mountain segment of the Trans Canada Trail has three sections which require implementation as follows; construction and upgrading of the trail connection from North Road to the Centennial Pavilion at Burnaby Mountain Park, possible construction of a small Trans Canada Trail Pavilion at Burnaby Mountain Park, and construction of separate pedestrian and cycling trails down the west face of Burnaby Mountain to Hastings Street.

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An E-Team Grant Application has been made to hire a Work Crew of 5 youth for the construction and upgrading of the trail connection between the B.C. Hydro right-of-way at North Road and the Centennial Pavilion. This 3.7 kilometre section would be restored to a 3 metre width and capped with a crushed limestone surface. Once complete, ongoing yearly maintenance would be undertaken by the Parks Division. Review of the application and notification of the decision takes up to six weeks. Work is scheduled to commence 1998 August 17.

The youth workers would become city employees and their salaries would be topped up to become commensurate with union rates. The President of CUPE Local 23 has been notified of the application.

The total estimated cost of the work required to construct and upgrade the first segment of the Trans Canada Trail on Burnaby Mountain is \$187,250 (\$175,000 plus 7% GST of \$12,250). Of this, the E-Team Program grant may pay up to \$20,384. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available to finance this project which is included in the 1998 Park Development Component of the 1998-2002 Provisional Capital Program. It is recommended that Council be requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$187,250 from Capital Reserves for this project.

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