

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING
SUBJECT: **B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM 1999/2000**
PURPOSE: To provide information to Council regarding an underground wiring project which has been approved for funding under the 1999/2000 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program.

1999 May 03

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At its regular meeting on 1998 December 07, Council approved a report outlining Burnaby's underground wiring project submitted to B.C. Hydro for consideration in the 1999/2000 Beautification Program. Staff have received notification that the Willingdon Avenue underground wiring project submitted by the City of Burnaby for cost sharing under the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program has been approved. The approved project is Phase I of a plan to underground existing overhead lines in the Willingdon Avenue corridor (lane north of Hastings Street to Penzance Drive - refer to attached sketch).

As advised by B.C. Hydro, they will contribute up to a maximum of \$68,738 as one-third of the cost to underground the overhead hydro lines for approximately a two-block section of Willingdon Avenue from the lane north of Hastings Street to the lane north of Pandora Street.

Undergrounding of existing overhead telephone lines will also be coordinated with the beautification project, with B.C. Tel contributing approximately one-third of the cost for the telephone component.

The total construction cost (BC Hydro and BC Tel) for this stage of the Willingdon Avenue project is estimated to be \$253,900 (net of 4% GST rebate) with the City's share amounting to approximately \$169,000. Council has previously approved the necessary financing for the balance of Burnaby's share of the cost. This project is included in the 1999 Land Assembly and Development component of the 1999-2003 Annual Capital Program.

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Staff will now pursue the necessary steps to implement the Willingdon Avenue beautification project. Under the terms of the Program, construction must be commenced prior to 2000 March 31 and completed within the subsequent twelve months. B.C. Hydro and B.C. Tel are responsible for the design and construction of the project subject to coordination with the City's Engineering Department where necessary.



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Attachment

cc: Director Engineering
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