

TO: CITY MANAGER

1999 May 11

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: TRANS CANADA TRAIL

PURPOSE: To request that Council bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$196,220 to finance remaining construction of the Trans Canada Trail in 1999.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$196,220 be brought down to finance the Trans Canada Trail project for 1999.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Chevron Buffer Zone Committee and to Leon Lebrun, Southwest Chair, Trails B.C.
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At the 1998 July 27 Council meeting, Council adopted a report outlining the details of the Trans Canada Trail project, which is a national celebration of Canada's history as a nation of trail builders. The report outlined the alignment of the Trail through North Burnaby of approximately 11 kilometres (see attached Map 1), a phased implementation schedule for the project and proposed route amenities such as feature areas along the trail. Council also adopted the recommendation in this report that the Trans Canada Trail be declared a walking and touring cycling project in celebration of the Millennium.

This report is intended to outline the extent of remaining scheduled construction work for the Trans Canada Trail for 1999 and to bring down the necessary funds to finance the construction in a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw.

2.0 CURRENT STATUS

2.1 Construction Schedule

During the summer of 1998 construction was completed on the first phase of the Trans Canada Trail which is the Joe's Trail portion on Burnaby Mountain. Currently, work is being completed on the second phase of Trans Canada Trail construction which is on the portion through the Heights community in North Burnaby from Boundary Road to Willingdon Avenue. For the Heights portion

of the trail a community initiated project is underway to install map boards, interpretive historical signage and seating/viewing areas along the trail. This project, coordinated through The Heights Trail Partnership, is being funded by a grant received from the B.C. Summer Games Legacy Fund and Chevron Canada with the principal partners being the Heights Neighbourhood Association, the Heights Merchants Association, Gilmore Community School, Chevron Canada and the City. Trail improvements in the Heights community are intended to feature historical references along the trail and increase community participation and awareness of the Trans Canada Trail project.

The remaining construction scheduled for 1999 includes the section from Willingdon Avenue to the beginning of the Scenic Highway Trail along Penzance Drive, the section along Cambridge Street between Stratford Avenue and Fell Avenue and a pedestrian path from the eastern terminus of Hastings Street through Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area to the western point of Joe's Trail. Completion of these scheduled construction projects will bring the Trans Canada Trail in Burnaby to a near completion status, with only a cyclist route on the western side of Burnaby Mountain and a connection to Port Moody on the eastern side of Burnaby Mountain remaining for construction in 2000. The current construction schedule is intended to allow Burnaby's section of the Trans Canada Trail to be completed by the intended official opening date of the trail which is set for 2000 September 09.

2.2 Chevron Lands

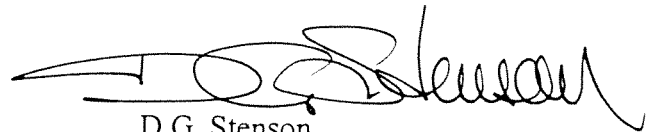
A portion of the trail along Willingdon Avenue between the Eton Street Trail and Penzance Drive is proposed to cross through two residential lots zoned R5 which are currently owned by Chevron Canada (see *attached* Map #2). In initial discussions with Chevron, staff were pursuing a statutory right-of-way across these lots to secure public access. Recently Chevron has indicated that they would be willing to donate these properties to the City for use as part of the Trans Canada Trail, increasing their contribution to the trail project. The current assessed value for both lots totals \$406,000 and the City would be providing Chevron a tax receipt for the value of these properties upon donation. Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff will work with Chevron towards processing of this property donation. As part of this property donation, staff are also recommending that these two properties be incorporated into the Chevron Buffer Zone, with this amendment to the Buffer Zone boundaries to be pursued through the Chevron Buffer Zone Committee.

2.3 Trans Canada Trail Pavilion

Included in the Trans Canada Trail budget for 1999 is the cost of construction of the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion in Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area (see *attached* Map #3). This pavilion will feature plaques listing names of people who have donated funds or have had funds donated on their behalf towards construction of the trail. Funds for construction of the pavilion are to be donated by the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. A provision of \$25,000 has been included in the 1999 Annual Capital Budget for the pavilion construction and Capital Reserves will be reimbursed upon receipt of the donated funds from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

3.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available to finance this project which is included under the 1999 Urban Trail component of the approved 1999 - 2003 Annual Capital Program. It is therefore recommended that a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of 196,220 (inclusive of 7% G.S.T.) be brought down to finance this phase of the project. Further funds of \$50,000 are included under the 2000 Urban Trail component of the capital budget for completion of the Trans Canada Trail construction.

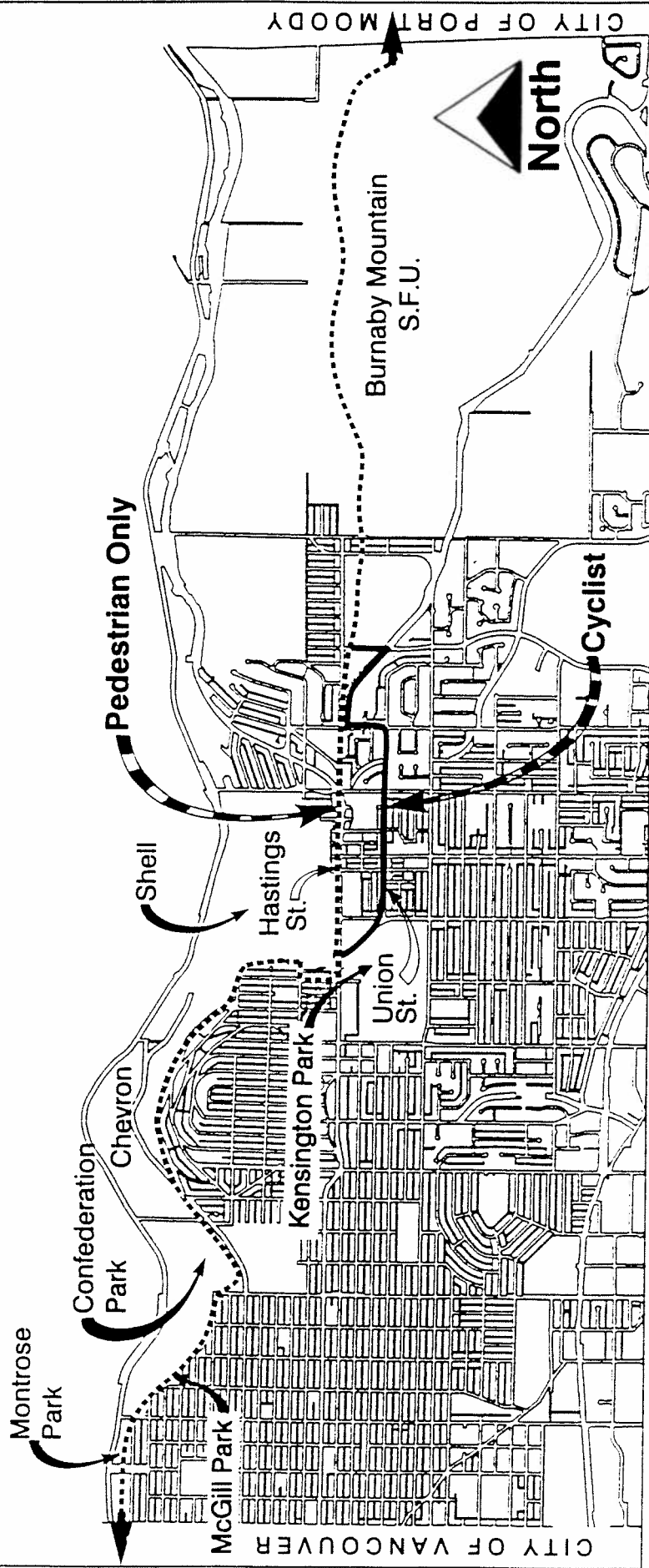


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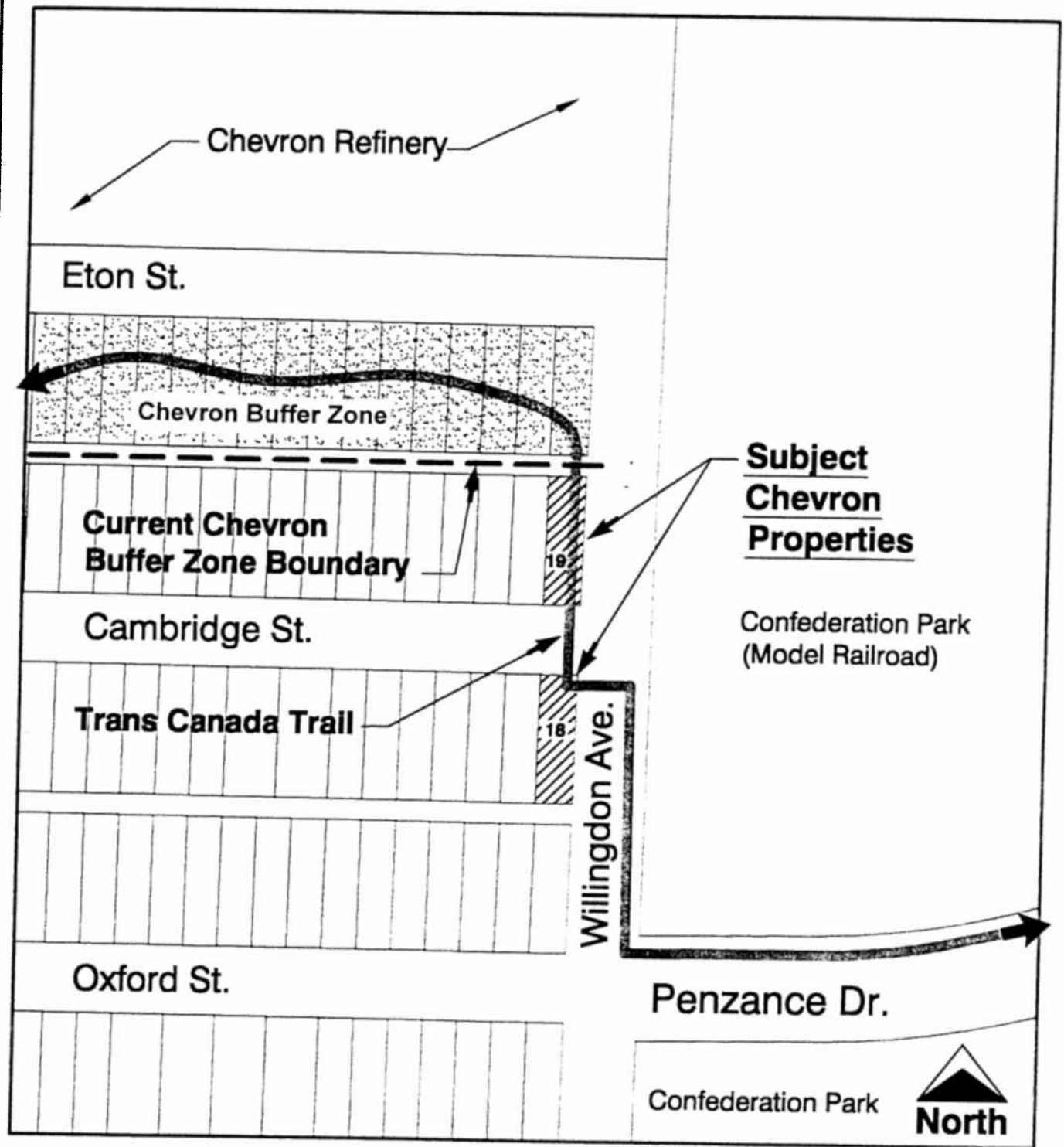
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Proposed Trans Canada Trail Alignment

MAP # 1



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Scale: 1 = 2000

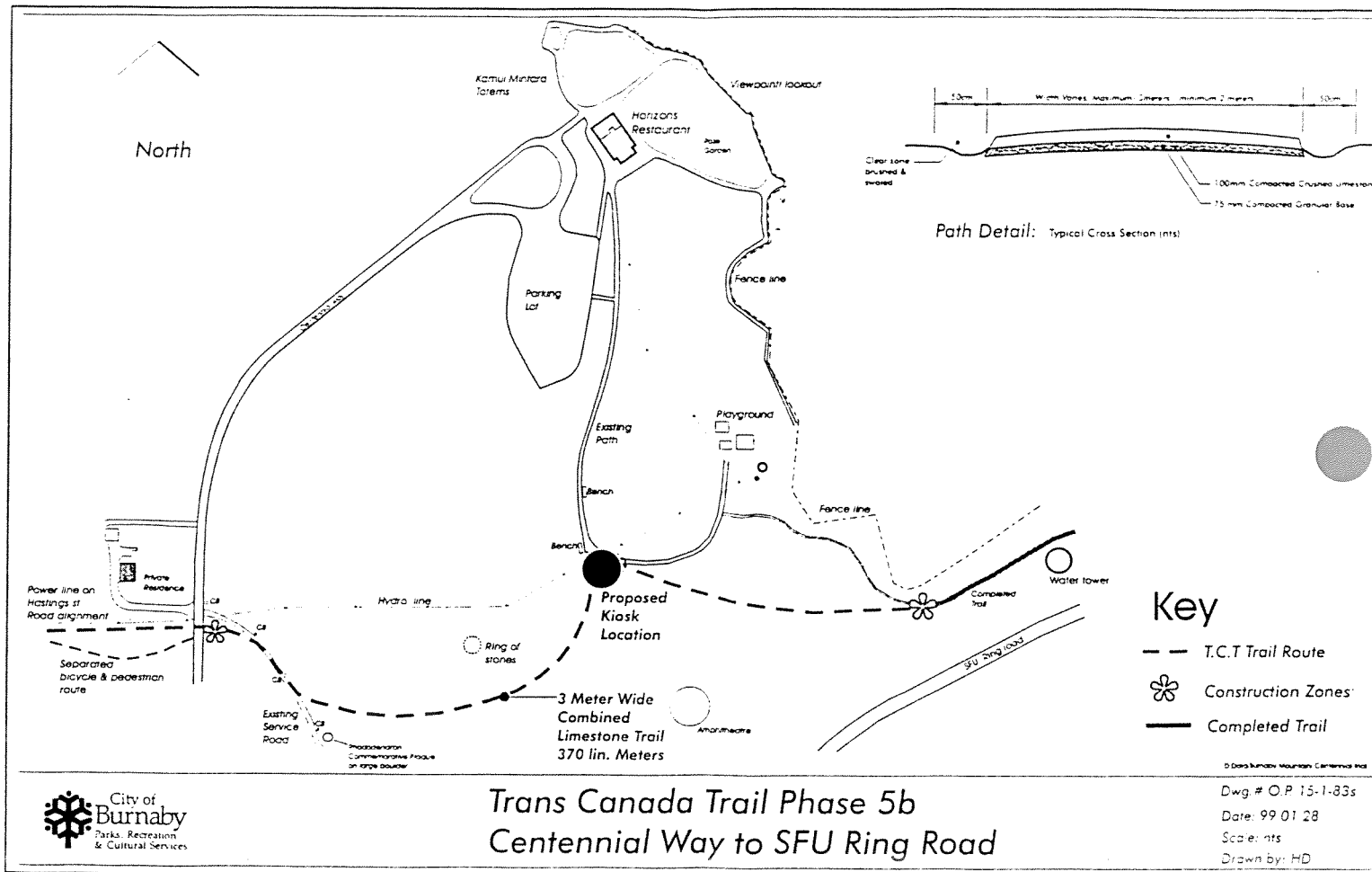
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Proposed Property Donation By "Chevron"
Trans Canada Trail
Chevron Buffer Zone

Map # 2

Proposed Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Location



MAP #3