

TO: CITY MANAGER

1999 September 09

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
2000/01 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 2000/01 Beautification Program.

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

In a letter dated 1999 August 23, B.C. Hydro invited the City of Burnaby to consider projects for submission under the terms of B.C. Hydro's 2000/01 Beautification Program, with a deadline for submission of 1999 October 01.

For a number 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 to Central Park. This project has now been completed. Also funded and implemented under the Beautification Program are projects on Elgin Place and the Government Street Corridor (Lougheed Town Centre). The 1999/00 submission, phase one of the Willingdon Avenue project (lane north of Hastings Street to the lane north of Pandora Street), is now under construction.

2.0 2000/01 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 2000/01 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

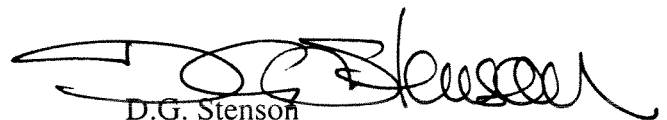
- a) Phase Two of the Willingdon Avenue Project (from the lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive) adjacent to Confederation Park and the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool. This will be an extension to the existing project being implemented under the current Program (1999/00).
- b) Bennett Street (from Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) in Metrotown, adjacent to Lobley Park and the No. 3 Firehall.
- c) Nelson Avenue (from Jubilee Avenue to Imperial Street) in Metrotown, adjacent to the Cenotaph area of Bonsor Park.
- d) Southpoint Drive (from Sandborne Avenue to Twentieth Street) in the Edmonds Town Centre, adjacent to the Hanna Court and B.C. Hydro Children's Centres.

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 2000/01 Program.

3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$325,000 is provided in the 2000 Land Development component of the 1999-2003 Capital Program.


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