

TO: CITY MANAGER **1999 OCTOBER 15**

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
2000/2001 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT FOR 2000 - WILLINGDON AVENUE**

PURPOSE: To update the status of Burnaby's application to B.C. Hydro for underground wiring assistance and to seek Council authorization to pursue the priority project on Willingdon Avenue for 2000/2001 (Phase II - lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$ 278,000 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines on Willingdon Avenue (Phase II - lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive).

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its 1999 September 20 meeting Council authorized staff to apply to the 2000/2001 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program for one-third (1/3) cost-sharing assistance for the removal of overhead power lines at various locations in Burnaby.

B.C. Hydro has provided the following preliminary cost estimates for Burnaby's identified priority projects:

1. Willingdon Avenue (lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive) .. \$275,000
2. Bennett Street (Nelson to Marlborough) \$220,000
3. Nelson Avenue (Jubilee to Imperial) \$150,000
4. Southpoint Drive (Sandborne to Twentieth) \$200,000

B.C. Hydro requires that funding for the City's two-thirds (2/3) share of project costs be confirmed by Council at this time in order that Burnaby's projects can be submitted to B.C. Hydro for advancement through the approval process and considered under the terms of the Beautification Program. If Burnaby is successful in this application, the work would be required to commence within the fiscal year Hydro has committed its share of the funds for the project.

2.0 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT - WILLINGDON AVENUE (PHASE II)

While all four projects outlined have merit as desirable beautification projects, it is recognized that the total cost is prohibitive unless phased over a number of years in conjunction with the City's overall Capital spending priorities. Therefore, it is proposed that the Willingdon Avenue project, which is included in the 1999-2003 Capital Program, be pursued on a phased basis as a priority for the 2000/2001 Beautification Program. The initial phase of this project was approved in last year's Program and is currently being implemented by B.C. Hydro. The proposed project for 2000/2001 would extend this work a further 240 metres along the Willingdon corridor. Staff have discussed this approach with B.C. Hydro staff who have indicated that our application can be considered on this basis. A similar phased approach was successfully applied in past years to remove overhead wires on Patterson Avenue in Metrotown and along the Cardston Court/Halston Court corridor.

Staff have discussed the proposed project with B.C. Hydro staff who have indicated support for our application to complete this project.

3.0 PROJECT COSTS

Project costs and City of Burnaby funds required for the proposed Willingdon Avenue project are outlined below based on preliminary estimates:

A)	Estimated undergrounding costs	\$275,000
	B.C. Hydro contribution (1/3 total)	91,666
	City of Burnaby contribution (2/3 total)	183,334
B)	Total telephone lines component	\$70,000
	B.C. Tel contribution (1/4 total)	17,500
	City of Burnaby contribution (3/4 total)	52,500
C)	Sub Total City of Burnaby Contributions	\$235,834
	(Hydro and Tel)	
	Add: 10% contingency	\$23,583
	7% GST	<u>\$18,159</u>
	City of Burnaby Funding Required (Rounded)	<u>\$278,000</u>
	Net Cost (after 4% GST rebate)	\$266,473

4.0 FINANCING

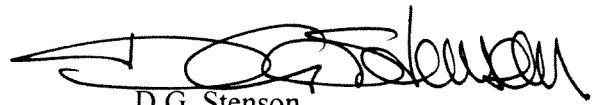
Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and, with Council approval, \$267,000 will be included in the 2000 Land Assembly and Development component of the upcoming 2000-2004 Provisional Capital Program.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The removal of overhead utility lines is considered to be a desirable and worthwhile endeavour for the City of Burnaby to pursue jointly with B.C. Hydro through the B.C. Hydro Beautification program.

It is proposed that a continuation of the underground wiring project on Willingdon Avenue (lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive) be given priority in Burnaby's current application to B.C. Hydro.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$278,000 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines as outlined in this report.

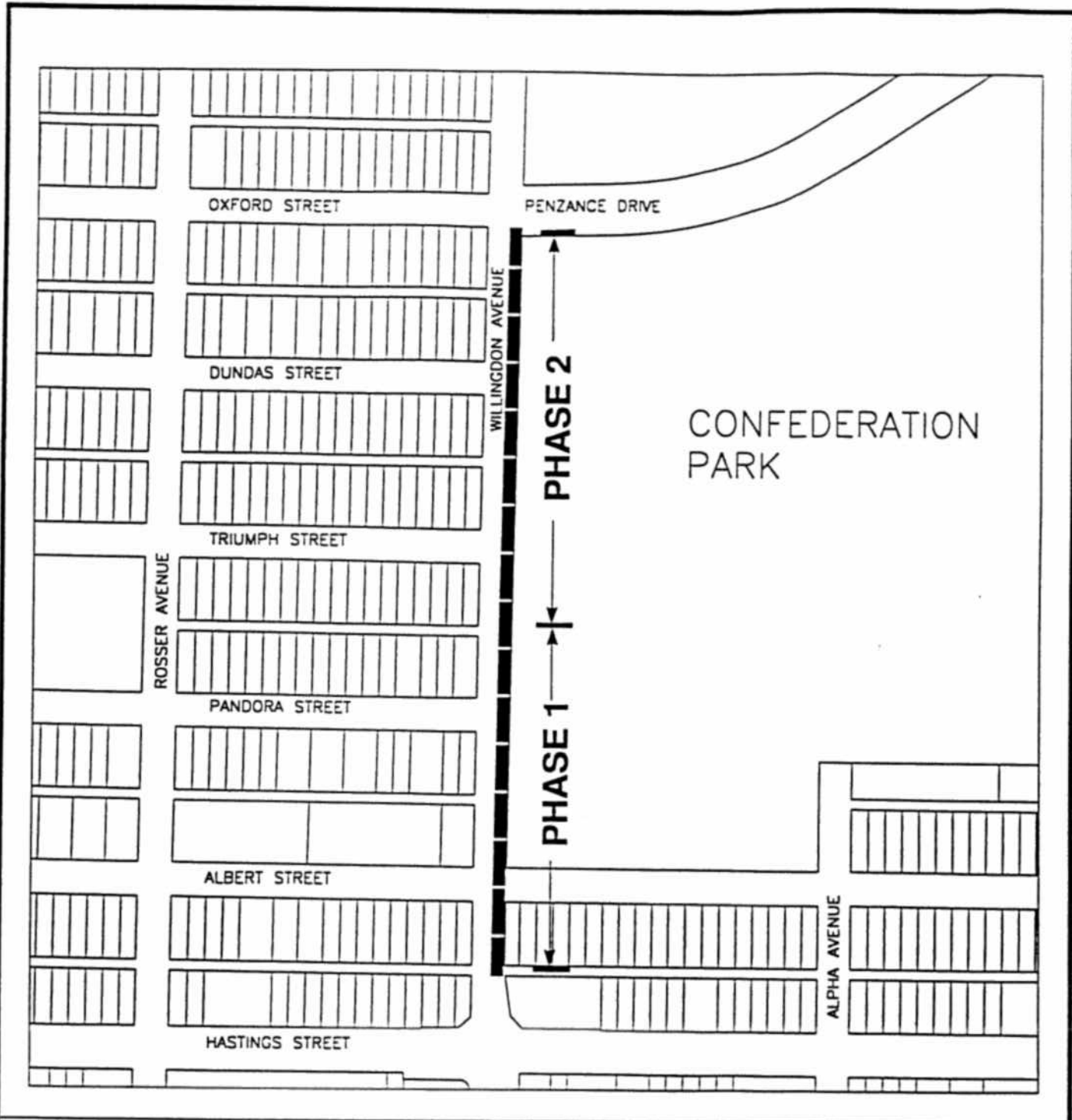


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PROPOSED WILLINGDON AVENUE
UNDERGROUND WIRING PROJECT



SKETCH #1