

**TO: CITY MANAGER** **2000 SEPTEMBER 06**

**FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**  
**2001/2002 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:** To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 2001/2002 Beautification Program.

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**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 2000 August 14, B.C. Hydro invited the City of Burnaby to consider projects for submission under the terms of B.C. Hydro's 2001/2002 Beautification Program with a deadline for submission of 2000 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 under the Beautification Program has been received to underground the overhead lines on Patterson Avenue adjacent to Central Park, on Elgin Place and the Government Street corridor (Lougheed Town Centre). The 2000/2001 submission, phase two of the Willingdon Avenue project (lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive), is now under construction.

**2.0 2001/2002 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION**

For the 2001/2002 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

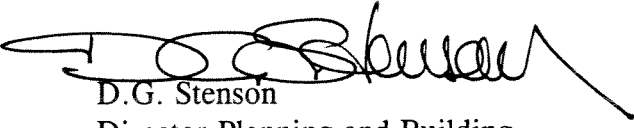
- a) Bennett Street (from Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) in Metrotown, adjacent to Lobley Park and the No.3 Firehall.
- b) Nelson Avenue (from Jubilee Avenue to Imperial Street) in Metrotown, adjacent to the Cenotaph area of Bonsor Park.
- c) Southpoint Drive (from Sandborne Avenue to Twentieth Street) in the Edmonds Town Centre, adjacent to the Hanna Court and B.C. Hydro Children's Centres.
- d) Canada Way (from Kensington Avenue to Deer Lake Avenue), and Deer Lake/Sperling Avenue (essentially Sperling Avenue from Canada Way to Hampstead Place), adjacent to Deer Lake Park.

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 ball park 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 2001/2002 Program.

**3.0 FUNDING**

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$342,000 is provided in the 2001 Land Development component of the 2000-2004 Annual Capital Program

  
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