

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2000 09 06

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 55-01-02

SUBJECT: STREAM OF DREAMS, 2000 SEPT 23

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for a temporary road closure to facilitate a community event

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the road closure as discussed in this report.
2. **THAT** copies of this report be sent to:
 - a) Pat Aspinall, Edmonds Town Centre Community and Business Association, #1 - 7398 Edmonds St, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 1A8;
 - b) Joan Carne, Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, 6392 Neville St., Burnaby, B.C. V5E 1A6.

R E P O R T

A request to use City Streets for a community event on Saturday, 2000 September 23 has been received from the City of Burnaby's Planning Department. Council approval is required by the Street & Traffic Bylaw.

The Byrne Creek Streamkeepers have undertaken a project called the Stream of Dreams to commemorate the death of 5,000 fish two years ago in Byrne Creek and to highlight the connection between every household and the creek via the storm sewer system. The Stream of Dreams include the production of 5,000 wooden painted fish by the community, to be placed on the fence of the vacant, City-owned property at Kingsway and Edmonds Street. The Byrne Creek Streamkeepers are conducting numerous workshops to paint the fish, each of which includes an interpretive walk of the creek as well as hands-on painting activity. The workshops are being held so as to include as many people as possible in the process, including elementary and secondary students, seniors, local businesses, etc.

The subject site is designated as part of the Town Centre Core in the Edmonds Town Centre Plan,

adopted by Council 1994 September 26. It has been identified for mixed use development, although development is not expected on the site in the near future. The site is currently being regraded and the chain link fence relocated to accommodate anticipated road improvements. The Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, in conjunction with the community, will be erecting the Stream of Dreams on the fence, with the understanding that it will be relocated prior to site redevelopment.

At its regular meeting of 2000 August 14, Council adopted the BC Rivers Day Report proposing that the Stream of Dreams be unveiled Saturday, September 23 in an event co-sponsored by the Edmonds Town Centre Community and Business Association. The Association is sponsoring a neighbourhood cleanup that morning which is scheduled to end on Kingsway at Walker Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Stream of Dreams event site. The two events overlap in such a way as to facilitate community involvement in both the cleanup and the unveiling. This event will now also include the opening of the Southeast Community Police Station, and staff are working with the station to facilitate its involvement.

To this end, Walker Avenue would be closed from Kingsway to Arcola on Saturday, September 23 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for displays by local environmental groups and local merchants. The organizers are expecting 500 people or more to attend this event.

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cc: Director Planning