

TO: CITY MANAGER 2000 March 06

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM 2000/2001

PURPOSE: To provide information to Council regarding an underground wiring project which has been approved for funding under the 2000/2001 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At its regular meeting on 1999 November 08, Council approved a report outlining Burnaby's underground wiring project submitted to B.C. Hydro for consideration in the 2000/2001 Beautification Program. Staff have received notification that the Willingdon Avenue underground wiring project submitted by the City of Burnaby for cost sharing under the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program has been approved. The approved project is Phase II of a plan to underground existing overhead lines in the Willingdon Avenue corridor (lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive - refer to attached sketch).

As advised by B.C. Hydro, they will contribute up to a maximum of \$91,666 as one-third of the cost to underground the overhead hydro lines for approximately a two-block section of Willingdon Avenue from the lane north of Pandora Street to Penzance Drive.

Undergrounding of existing overhead telephone lines will also be coordinated with the beautification project, with Telus contributing approximately one-quarter of the cost for the telephone component.

The total construction cost (BC Hydro and Telus) for this stage of the Willingdon Avenue project is estimated to be \$379,500 (rounded) with the City's share amounting to approximately \$259,417 (inclusive of 3% GST). Council has previously approved the necessary financing for Burnaby's share of the cost. This project is included in the 2000 Land Assembly and Development component of the 2000-2004 Provisional Capital Program.

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Staff will now pursue the necessary steps to implement the Willingdon Avenue beautification project. Under the terms of the Program, construction must be commenced prior to 2001 March 31 and completed within the subsequent twelve months. B.C. Hydro and Telus are responsible for the design and construction of the project subject to coordination with the City's Engineering Department where necessary.



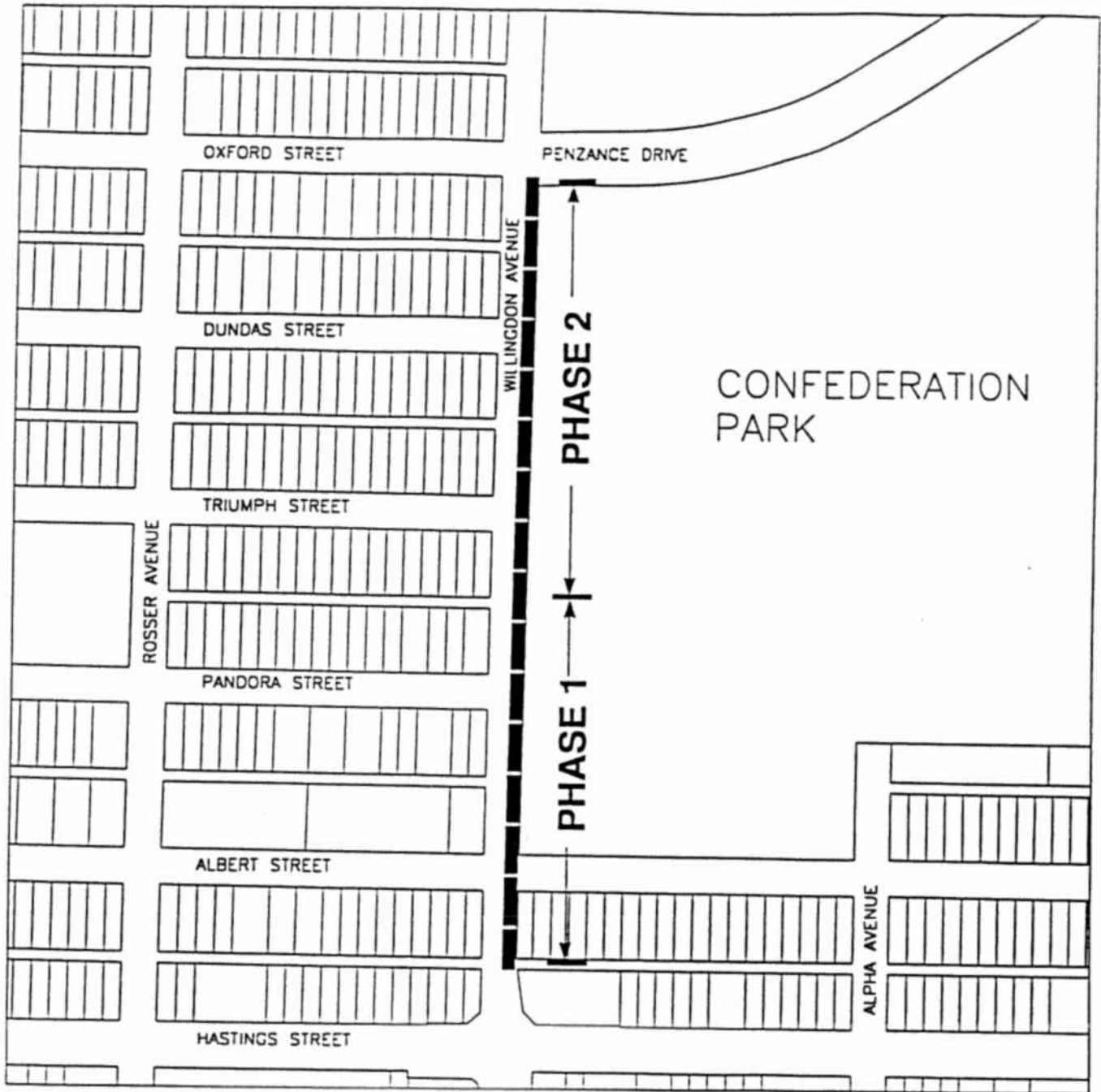
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Attachment

cc: Director Engineering
Director Finance



PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 1998

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SCALE: NTS

PROPOSED WILLINGDON AVENUE
UNDERGROUND WIRING PROJECT



SKETCH #1

