

TO: CITY MANAGER

2000 NOVEMBER 01

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
2001/2002 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT FOR 2001 - BENNETT STREET**

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 Bennett Street for 2001/2002 (from Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$233,500 to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines on Bennett Street (Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue).

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its 2000 September 11 meeting Council authorized staff to apply to the 2001/2002 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:

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| 1. Bennett Street (Nelson to Marlborough) | \$230,000 |
| 2. Nelson Avenue (Jubilee to Imperial) | \$155,000 |
| 3. Southpoint Drive (Sandborne to Twentieth) | \$230,000 |
| 4. Canada Way and Deer Lake/Sperling Avenue (Canada Way to Deer Lake Avenue and Sperling Avenue to Hampstead Place) | \$760,000 |

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 - BENNETT STREET

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 Bennett Street project, which is included in the 2000/2004 Capital Program, be pursued as a priority for the 2001/2002 Beautification Program. Staff have discussed the proposed project with B.C. Hydro staff who have indicated support for our application to complete this project. This project would remove visually obtrusive overhead lines in Metrotown adjacent to Lobley Park and the No.3 Firehall.

3.0 PROJECT COSTS

Project costs and City of Burnaby funds required for the proposed Bennett Street project (Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) are outlined below based on preliminary estimates:

A)	Estimated undergrounding costs	\$230,000
	B.C. Hydro contribution (1/3 total)	76,667
	City of Burnaby contribution (2/3 total)	153,333
B)	Total telephone lines component	\$60,000
	Telus contribution (1/4 total)	15,000
	City of Burnaby contribution (3/4 total)	45,000
C)	Sub Total City of Burnaby Contributions	\$198,333
	(Hydro and Tel)	
	Add: 10% contingency	\$19,833
	7% GST	\$15,272
	City of Burnaby Funding Required	<u>\$233,438</u>
	Net Cost (after 4% GST rebate)	\$224,711

4.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and, with Council approval, \$275,000 will be included in the 2001 Land Assembly and Development component of the 2001-2005 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 the underground wiring project on Bennett Street (Nelson Avenue to Marlborough Avenue) be given priority in Burnaby's current application to B.C. Hydro.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$233,500 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines as outlined in this report.

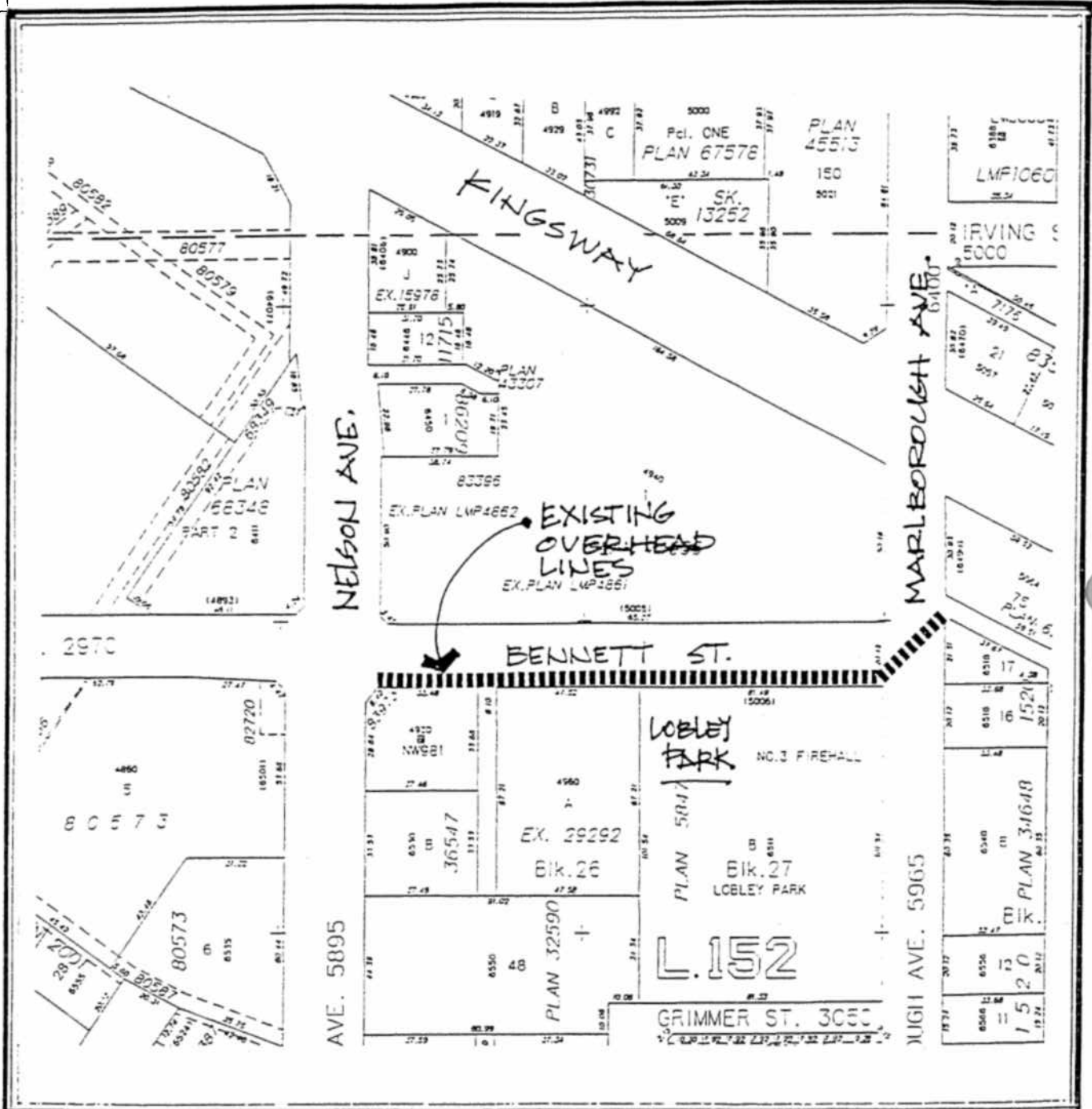


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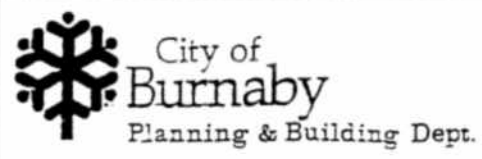
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