

BURNABY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: GVRD SECTOR RECREATIONAL GREENWAY PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

The Bicycle Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 2001 November 22, received the attached report from the Director Planning and Building regarding the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan and the Urban Trail priorities that it includes. In adopting the recommendation contained in the report, the Bicycle Advisory Committee wish to inform Council of its support for the GVRD Recreational Sector Greenway Plan and for the City's pursuance of the Brunette Fraser Regional Park Greenway as a high priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Harris
Chair

Mayor D. Drummond
Vice Chair

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TO: **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** 2001 November 15
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING Our File: 08.624.3
SUBJECT: **GVRD SECTOR RECREATIONAL GREENWAY PLAN**
PURPOSE: To inform Council of Bicycle Advisory Committee support for the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan and the Urban Trail priorities that it includes.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council be advised of the Bicycle Advisory Committee's support for the GVRD Recreational Sector Greenway Plan and for the City's pursuance of the Brunette Fraser Regional Park Greenway as a high priority.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2001 August 27, received the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan and approved in principle the plan as it applies to Burnaby. Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the GVRD, GVS&DD and the City of Burnaby for the Brunette Fraser Greenway which outlines tasks and time lines to achieve the development of the pilot Brunette Fraser Greenway as a regionally significant greenway connecting important open spaces within the region and the City. Council forwarded a copy of the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for information. At the 2001 October 11 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting, the committee adopted a motion that staff prepare a report requesting Council to prioritize the greenways for the City's Capital Program, with particular reference to the Brunette Fraser Greenway. For information, Council on 2001 October 01 received the concurrence of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to the overall GVRD greenway plan and to the MOU.

2.0 CITY URBAN TRAIL PROGRAM

The Urban Trail system (see Figure 1 **attached**) is a network of off-street trails designed to accommodate walking and cycling as alternative means of transportation and as recreational activities. Urban Trails, intended primarily for community-oriented and recreational pedestrians and cyclists, provide linkages between community nodes such as town centres, waterfront areas, community facilities and parks within Burnaby. Through the interdepartmental staff Urban Trail Committee and specific Urban Trail reports considered by Council, the City's Urban Trail program is being implemented with first priority given to the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail in the 2001 and 2002 Annual Capital Budgets.

In Burnaby, portions of the Brunette Fraser Greenway as defined in the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan overlap with the existing Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail, while other portions are linked to the installation of a new GVRD sanitary sewer trunk line, the Lake City Interceptor. Additional short portions of Urban Trail are required to connect the various sections of this greenway. These portions are included within the Urban Trail component of the Annual Capital Program, under the Rivers, Lakes and Mountains Urban Trail.

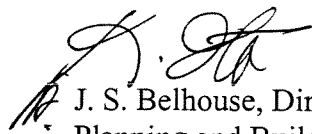
Staff will continue to work cooperatively with the GVRD in achieving the Urban Trail linkages that are being pursued as part of the Brunette Fraser Greenway, with particular reference to the Urban Trail connection along Government Street, Cariboo Road and Cariboo Place as Burnaby's contribution to the Brunette Fraser Greenway. As indicated, the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail and the Rivers, Lakes and Mountains Urban Trail, including the Urban Trail aspects related to the Brunette Fraser Greenway, are outlined as a high priority for implementation, in line with the Annual Capital Program and the approved MOU.

As related background, the City's Urban Trail program for 2001 and 2002 is focussed on the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail, including a northern extension linking to Barnet Marine Park (Barnet Urban Trail) as well as a connection from Keswick to the Cameron Recreation Centre (Cameron Urban Trail). Also included in the 2002 Annual Capital Budget is the Moscrop Urban Trail from Willingdon to Huxley, being pursued in conjunction with the Moscrop Secondary School expansion. The Urban Trail program also recognizes the importance of providing trail linkages into and through Burnaby's Big Bend area with the Rivers, Lakes and Mountains Urban Trail proposed to ultimately connect to the Big Bend area. A first portion of this Urban Trail along Byrne Road as well as the Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail are included in the 2003-2005 Annual Capital Budgets. As indicated in Figure 1, these initiatives are largely coincident with the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan.

3.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As noted, the City's Urban Trail program is outlined in the Urban Trails component of the 2001 - 2005 Annual Capital Program. Implementation of regional greenway connections as identified in the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan will be complemented by the City's Urban Trail efforts and will create important linkages across municipal boundaries. The MOU developed by the GVRD and City staff identifies the work to be completed for the Brunette Fraser Greenway, including the City's Urban Trail development responsibilities. Timing of the City's Urban Trail development along Government Street, Cariboo Road and Cariboo Place is in accordance with the scheduling developed for the Brunette Fraser Greenway.

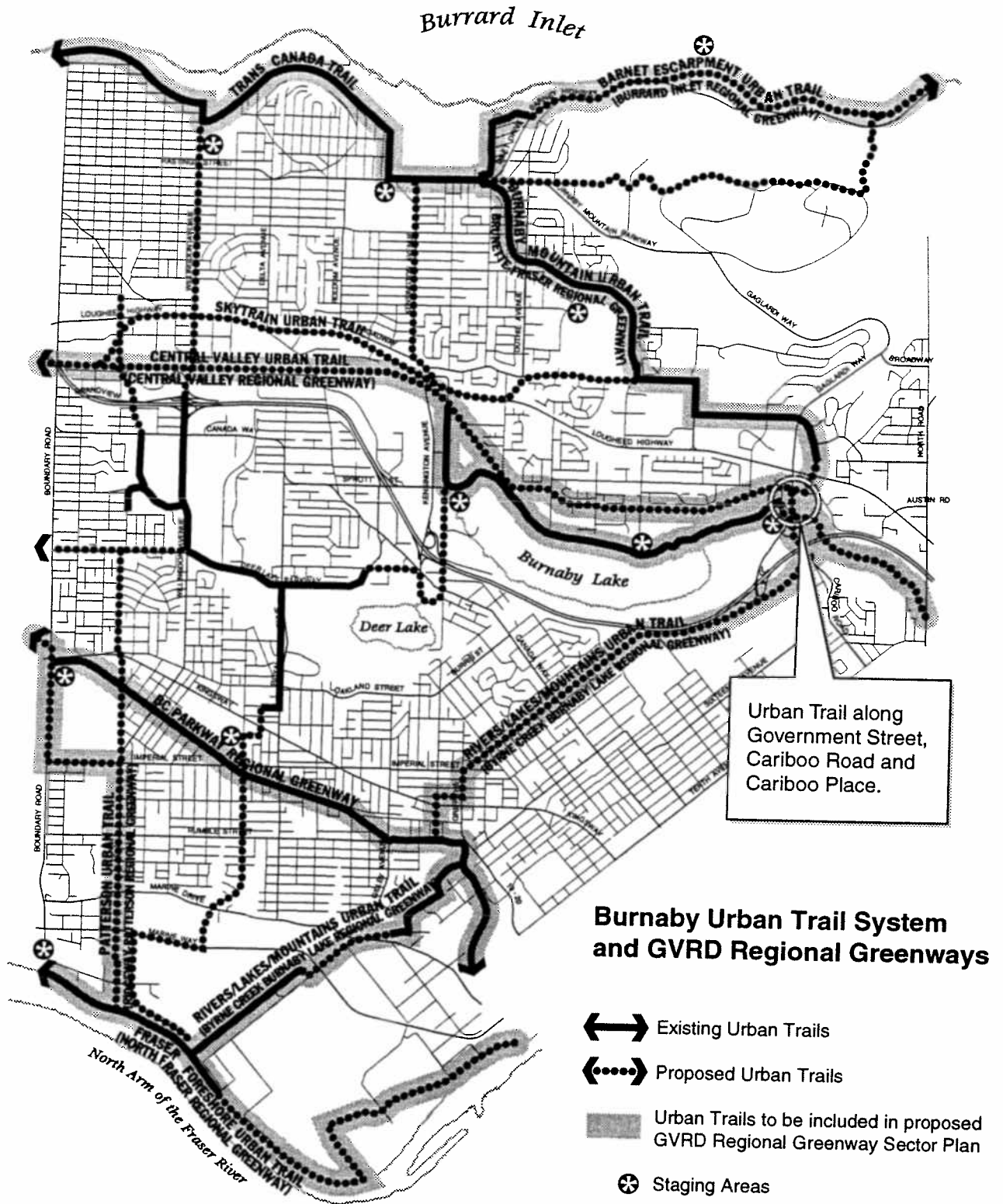
A high priority is being given to the pursuance of City commitments to complete the Urban Trail connections related to the Brunette Fraser Greenway. The Bicycle Advisory Committee advises Council of its support for the GVRD Sector Recreational Greenway Plan and endorses the City's pursuance of the Brunette Fraser Greenway and its related Urban Trail linkages as a high priority.


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Planning and Building

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Attachment

cc: Director Engineering
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
City Clerk



Urban Trail along Government Street, Cariboo Road and Cariboo Place.

NOTE: Preliminary greenway names are for communication and information purposes only. Official names will be subject to Municipal, GVRD and Utility review.

User restrictions may be placed upon particular sections of a greenway for environmental, safety, or social reasons. In these cases a bypass route directing non-permitted users around a sensitive area would be employed.

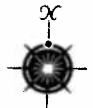


Figure 1

