

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
2003/2004 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 2003/2004 Beautification Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** staff be authorized to apply to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing assistance in removing the overhead lines described in this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

In a letter dated 2002 August 15, which appeared as an item before Council on 2002 September 09, B.C. Hydro invited the City of Burnaby to consider projects for submission under the terms of B.C. Hydro's 2003/2004 Beautification Program, with a deadline for submission of 2002 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, with Burnaby providing two-thirds of the project costs. For example, funding assistance has been received in previous years to underground the overhead lines on Patterson Avenue adjacent to Central Park, along Willingdon Avenue adjacent to Confederation Park, on the Government Street corridor (Lougheed Town Centre) and along Bennett Street, between Nelson Avenue and Marlborough Avenue. The 2002/2003 submission, Nelson Avenue (from Jubilee Avenue to Imperial Street), is now in the design stage and is being pursued to be completed within the required time frame of the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program.

2.0 2003/2004 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

For the 2003/2004 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro for the following projects:

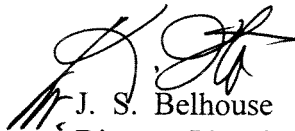
- a) Canada Way (from Kensington Avenue to Deer Lake Avenue), and Deer Lake/Sperling Avenue (essentially Sperling Avenue from Canada Way to Hampstead Place), adjacent to Deer Lake Park.

- b) Cameron Street (from Keswick Avenue to Bartlett Court) in the Lougheed Town Centre.
- c) Sprott Street (from Kensington Avenue to Sperling Avenue) and Sperling Avenue (from Sprott Street to Joe Sakic Way). The Burnaby Lake Sports Complex is developed on both sides of these streets.
- d) 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.

Upon Council approval to proceed with the application for these 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 the recommended priority project and to outline City funding requirements for the 2003/2004 Program.

3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$250,000 is provided for underground wiring in the 2003 Land Development component of the 2001-2005 Annual Capital Program.


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