

TO: CITY MANAGER

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FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
 2003/2004 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT FOR 2003/2004 - CAMERON STREET

PURPOSE: To update the status of Burnaby's application to B.C. Hydro for underground wiring funding assistance and to seek Council authorization to pursue the priority project on Cameron Street, from Bartlett Court to approximately Beaverbrook Drive for 2003/2004.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$268,800 to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead line on Cameron Street (Bartlett Court to approximately Beaverbrook Drive).

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its 2002 September 16 meeting Council authorized staff to apply to the 2003/2004 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:

1. Cameron Street (from Keswick Avenue to Bartlett Court, 530 m) \$900,000 to \$1,500,000
 Phase 1 (Bartlett Court to approximately Beaverbrook Drive or 250 m (820 ft)) ... \$250,000 to \$275,000
2. Canada Way (from Kensington Avenue to Deer Lake Avenue) and
 Deer Lake/Sperling Avenue (essentially Sperling Avenue from
 Canada Way to Hampstead Place) \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000
3. Sprott Street (from Kensington Avenue to Sperling Avenue) and
 Sperling Avenue (from Sprott Street to Joe Sakic Way) \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000
4. Southpoint Drive (from Sandborne Avenue to Twentieth Street) \$150,000 to \$210,000

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 project 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 that B.C. Hydro has committed its share of the funds for the project and to be completed by the end of the next fiscal year.

2.0 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT - CAMERON STREET

While all four projects 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 Cameron Street project be pursued as a priority project for the 2003/2004 Beautification Program. This project is located within Loughheed Town Centre, which is now well served by public transit with the SkyTrain Millennium Line, and is expected to accommodate additional commercial and residential growth. Staff have discussed the proposed project with B.C. Hydro staff who have indicated support for our application to initiate a phased approach to the removal of overhead lines along Cameron Street.

This first phase of the project would remove visually obtrusive overhead lines along the south side of Cameron Street from Bartlett Court, 250 m (820 ft) west to approximately Beaverbrook Drive, a portion of Cameron Street which is developed with apartment building residential uses (see *attached* Sketch #1). Undergrounding the wires along this portion of Cameron Street is considered appropriate given the unlikelihood of the wires being undergrounded through redevelopment, which is not likely to occur in the near future. In addition, the streetscape in front of the Cameron Library Branch, Cameron Recreation Centre and Cameron Park, which are located along the north side of Cameron Street within this proposed underground wiring project corridor, will be improved by the proposed project. Civic contributions to this beautification project along Cameron Street will convey a sense of public commitment to improvements in Loughheed Town Centre as a means of promoting redevelopment in this quadrant of the City. In addition, an underground wiring project in the Loughheed Town Centre is favourable given that the two previous underground wiring projects are located in the Metrotown area.

3.0 PROJECT COSTS

Project costs and city of Burnaby funds required for the proposed project are outlined below based on the of preliminary estimates. It is noted that at this time, the project costs are based upon the high end of the cost range provided by B.C. Hydro and that more detailed estimates will be pursued upon receiving commitment to the project.

A)	Estimated undergrounding costs	\$275,000
	B.C. Hydro contribution (1/3 total)	\$91,667

	City of Burnaby contribution (2/3 total)	.....	\$183,333
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	.....	\$228,333
	Add 10% contingency	.....	\$22,833
	7% GST	.....	\$17,582
	City of Burnaby Funding Required (Bylaw required to cover this amount)	.....	\$268,748
	Net Cost (after 4% GST rebate)	.....	\$258,701

4.0 FINANCING

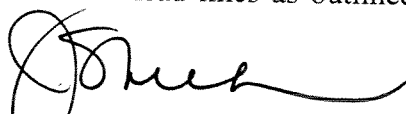
It is expected that the project will be commenced by the end of B.C. Hydro's 2003/2004 fiscal year, with completion by the end of the next 2004/2005 fiscal year. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$250,000 is provided in the 2005 Underground Wiring component under the Land Development section of the 2003-2007 Provisional Capital Program. The 2005 Capital Budget will be revised accordingly if needed.

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.

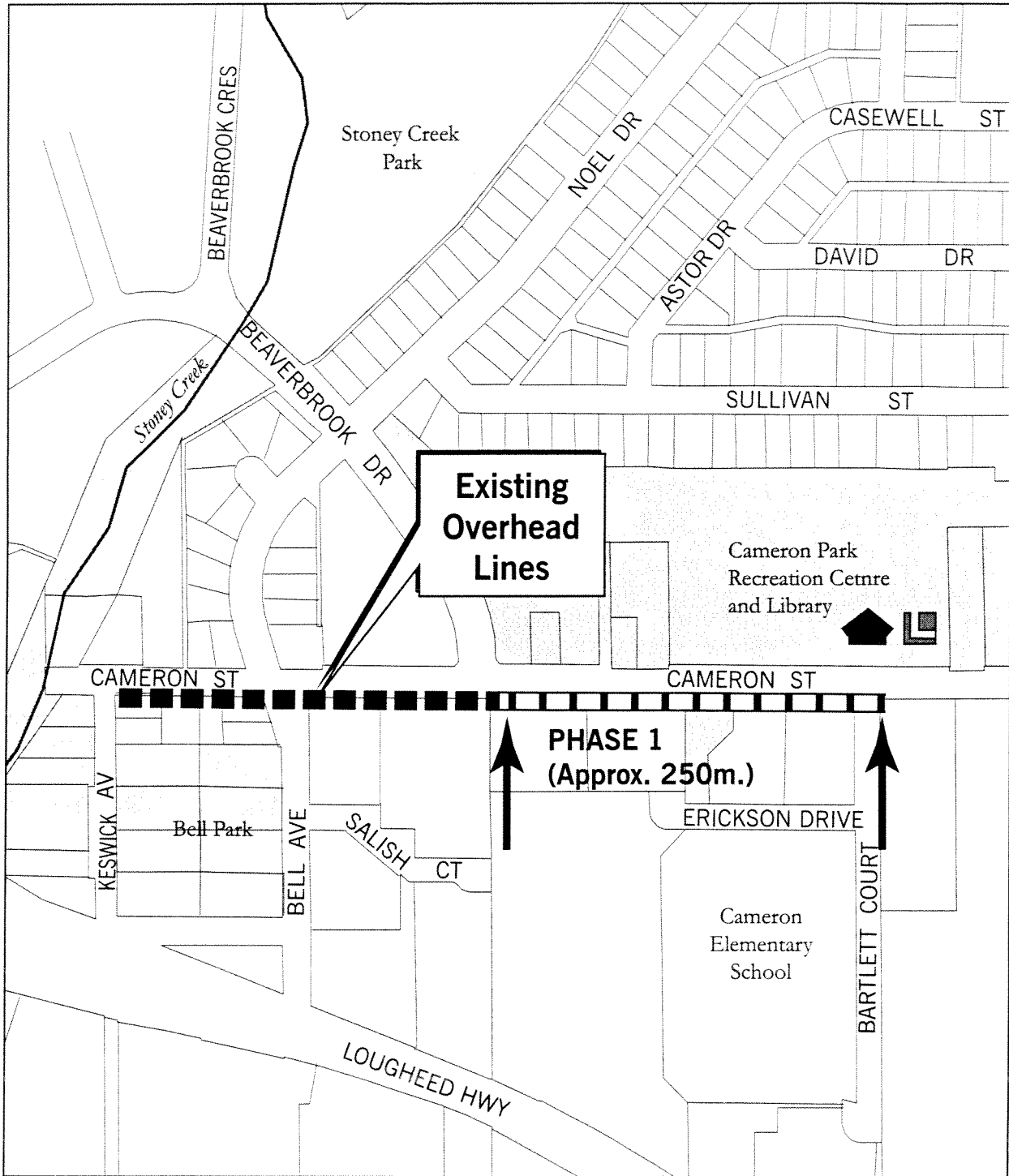
It is proposed that the underground wiring project on Cameron Street (Bartlett Court to approximately Beaverbrook Drive) be given priority in Burnaby's current application to B.C. Hydro.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$268,800 from Capital Reserves to fund the City's share of costs to remove overhead lines as outlined in this report.


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 Attach.

- cc. Director Engineering
- Director Finance
- Director Parks
- Manager, Transportation Planning



Sketch #1
 Cameron Street (Bartlett Ct. to approximately Beaverbrook Dr.)
Proposed Underground Wiring Project
 BC Hydro Beautification Program, 2003/2004

