

2003 JANUARY 16

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: BONSOR PARK - NELSON AVENUE ROAD DEDICATION - 2002/2003 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To seek Council's authorization for the dedication of a portion of City-owned lots for the future widening and upgrading of Nelson Avenue and the accommodation of underground wiring.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the dedication of a portion of City-owned lots (6749, 6725, 6693 Nelson Avenue, 6702 Jubilee Avenue and 4863 Imperial Street) for the future widening and upgrading of Nelson Avenue and accommodation of underground wiring be authorized as outlined in the attached report.
2. THAT the Director Engineering be authorized to prepare any necessary plans, including subdivision and road dedication plans for the 5.18 m frontage required for the widening and upgrading of Nelson Avenue.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2003 January 15, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.



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DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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cc: Director Engineering
Director Planning & Building
City Solicitor
City Surveyor

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REPORT

PROPOSED ROAD DEDICATION

At its meeting of 2001 November 05, Council approved the commitment of funds to cover the City's share of costs to pursue an underground wiring project along the Nelson Avenue frontage of Bonsor Park, between Jubilee Avenue and Imperial Street (Attached Sketch #1), through the 2002/2003 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program. This portion of Nelson Avenue is proposed to be widened and upgraded with road construction in the City's 2003-2007 Provisional Capital Program as a longer term item for 2007. This road project will require the dedication of 5.18 metres (17 ft.) of property from the city owned park properties fronting Nelson Avenue and a corner truncation at Nelson Avenue and Imperial Street fronting the Bonsor Park Cenotaph (Attached Sketch #2). The dedication of the road right of way area is being pursued at this time in order to place the proposed underground wiring in its proper alignment with respect to the future Nelson Avenue road upgrading. The proposed road dedication plan will also include minor dedications to accommodate any necessary kiosks associated with the subject underground wiring works within the proposed road allowance.

The design of the Cenotaph located at the intersection of Imperial and Nelson took into account future road widening on both Nelson Avenue and Imperial Street. The introduction of the underground wiring works at this time will result in some minor disruption to the existing pavers between the entry to the Cenotaph and the existing corner curb. Restoration of the corner pavers and sidewalk pavement is to be included in the underground wiring project.

PROPOSED FUTURE ROAD CLOSURES AND PROPERTY CONSOLIDATION

There is a long outstanding housekeeping requirement to close a number of existing dedicated road rights-of-way located within Bonsor Park (Lily Avenue, Brief Street, Fern Avenue and various lane allowances) with a view to achieving a consolidation of all the park properties into two interim lots (Attached Sketch #3). A future and final property consolidation is planned to dedicate road frontage on Imperial Street and to close and incorporate Jubilee Avenue and property yet to be acquired for the park at the corner of Imperial and Jubilee into one park lot. It is considered opportune to initiate the pursuit of the interim two-lot first stage of the consolidation at this time as City Survey staff are currently surveying the site for the Nelson Avenue road dedication and underground wiring projects.

A Highway Exchange Bylaw is considered the most appropriate approach as it provides an opportunity to exchange the proposed road closure areas for further road dedication on Nelson Avenue north of Jubilee Avenue, where road upgrading and underground wiring has previously been completed. The details of this proposal are not yet resolved and are being pursued by staff. Once all the relevant comments have been received, a Highway Exchange Bylaw report will be advanced by the Planning Department for the consideration of Commission and Council.

It should be noted that the larger city-owned park lot at 6550 Bonsor Avenue, on which the Bonsor Recreation Complex building is situated, is dedicated parkland under Bylaws No. 1882 and 1890, adopted by Council in 1945. The proposed road closures and future property consolidation will not impact the status of the existing area under park dedication. If desired, the undedicated portion of the future consolidated lot could be included in a future park dedication bylaw process.

CONCLUSION

This underground wiring project must commence by 2003 March 31, as under the terms of B.C. Hydro's Beautification Program, the work is required to commence within the fiscal year Hydro has committed its share of the funds for the project. For this reason, it is recommended that Commission request that Council authorize the dedication of the required 5.18 m (17 ft.) road portion from the city-owned properties for the widening of Nelson Avenue fronting Bonsor Park and to accommodate the underground wiring project. It is also recommended that Commission request Council to authorize the Director Engineering to prepare any necessary plans associated with the road dedication, widening and upgrading of Nelson Avenue.

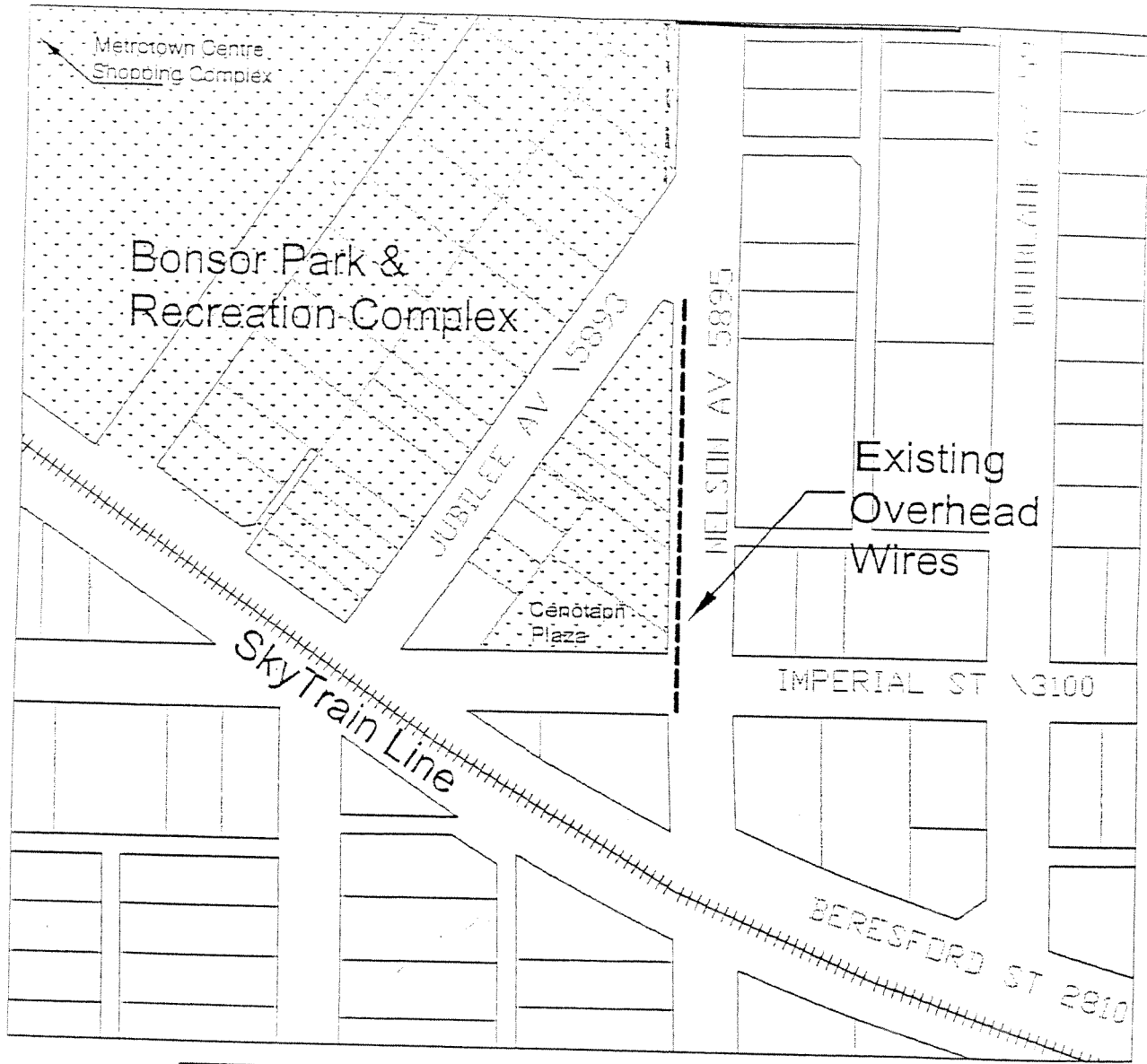
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Attachments (3)

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Sketch #1



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2002/2003 Beautification Project
Nelson Avenue

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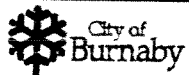
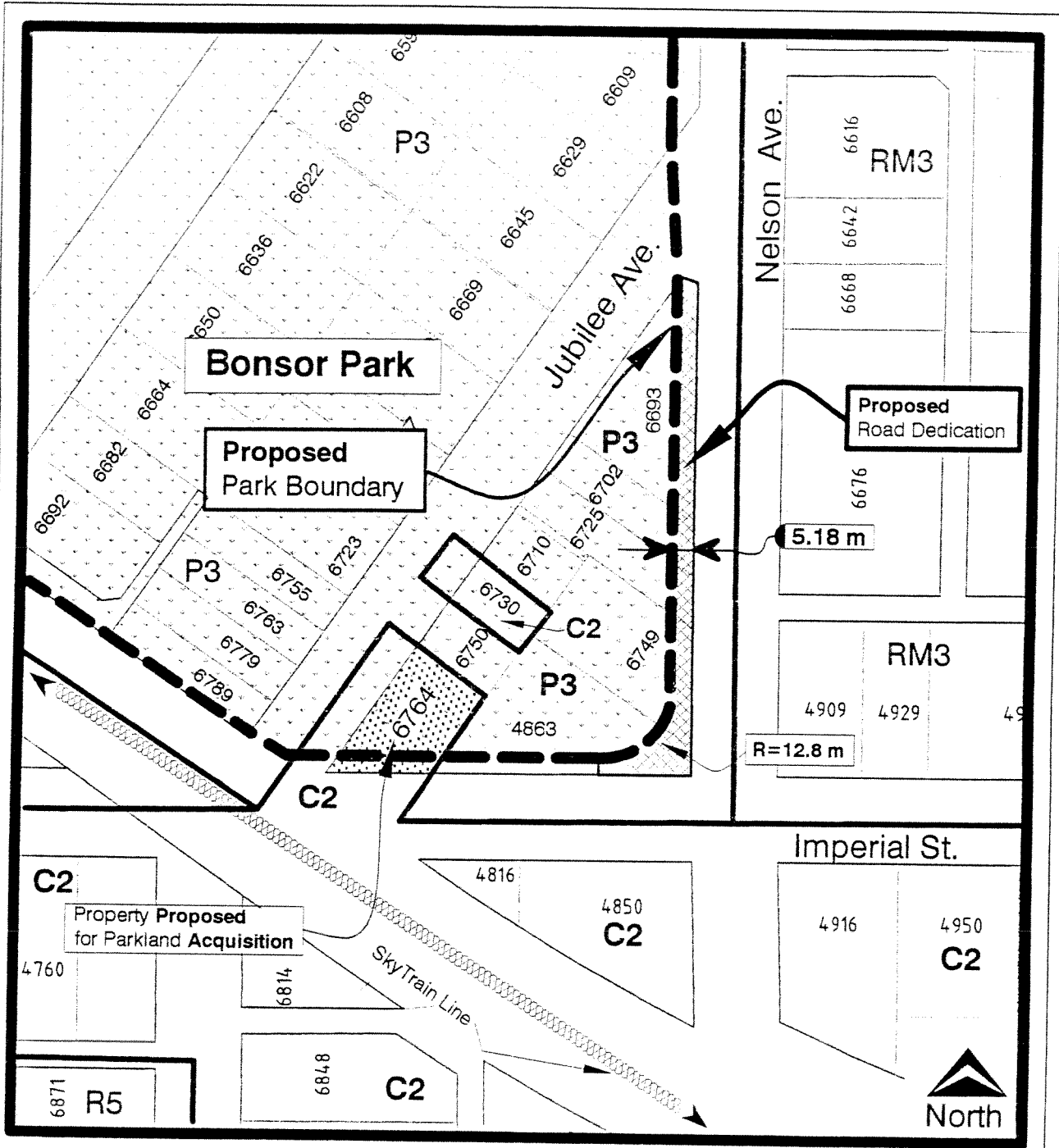
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Sketch #1

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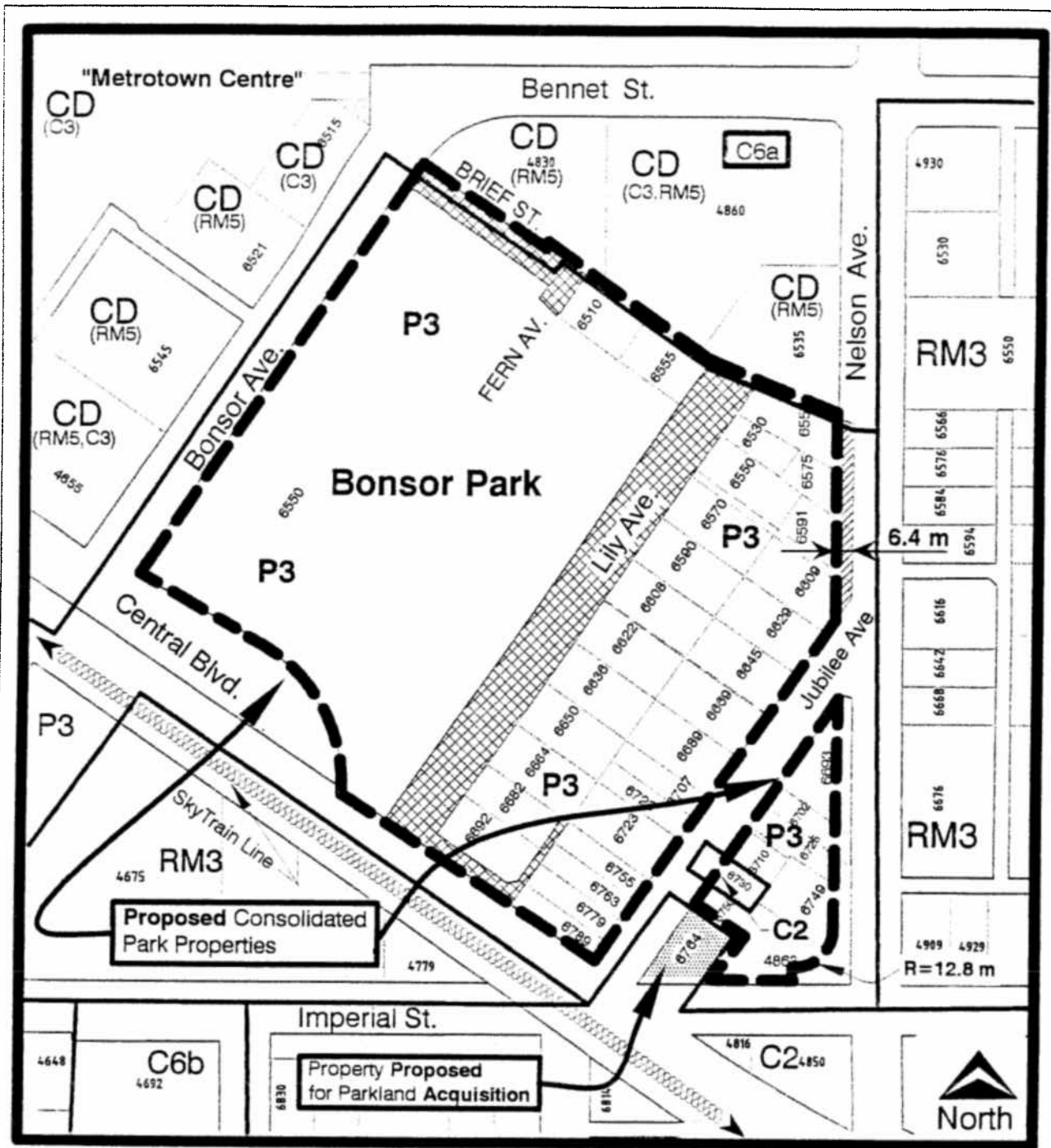


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Proposed Road Dedication

Sketch #2



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Road Closure Ref. # 02--12

- Proposed Road Closure and Exchange Area
 - Proposed Road Dedication Area for Exchange
- Sketch #3**