

TO: CITY MANAGER 2003 September 11

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
2004/2005 B.C. HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

PURPOSE: To outline proposed underground wiring projects for submission to B.C. Hydro for cost sharing in the 2004/2005 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.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

In a letter from B.C. Hydro dated 2003 August 29, which appeared as an item before Council on 2002 September 15, the City of Burnaby was invited to consider projects for submission under the terms of B.C. Hydro's 2004/2005 Beautification Program, with a deadline for submission of 2003 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 has provided one-third cost sharing for various underground wiring projects, with Burnaby providing two-thirds of the project costs. For example, funding assistance has been received in previous years to underground 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 submission, Nelson Avenue (from Jubilee Avenue to Imperial Street) in the Royal Oak Community Plan is being pursued to be completed within the required time frame of the B.C. Hydro Beautification Program. The approved 2003 submission, Cameron Street - Phase I (from Bartlett Court to Beaverbrook Drive - see *attached* Sketch #1) in the Lougheed Town Centre is in its initial design stage. The Cameron Street project is multi-phased due to the larger overall cost of removing this lengthy overhead line. This phased approach is supported by B.C. Hydro. While it is likely that the Cameron Street project would be advanced to its next phase as a priority project for the 2004/2005 B.C. Hydro Beautification Program, the specific recommended priority project will be outlined in a future report for Council's consideration.

2.0 2004/2005 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

In line with usual procedures, for the 2004/2005 Program, staff propose to submit an application to B.C. Hydro to provide estimates for the following proposed future projects:

- a) Cameron Street (Remainder) in the Lougheed Town Centre. (Likely to be pursued in two additional phases - Phase II from Beaverbrook Drive to Bell Avenue and Phase III from Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue)
- b) 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.
- 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 2004/2005 Program.

3.0 FUNDING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and \$178,000 is provided for underground wiring in the 2004 Land Development component of the 2001-2005 Annual Capital Program.

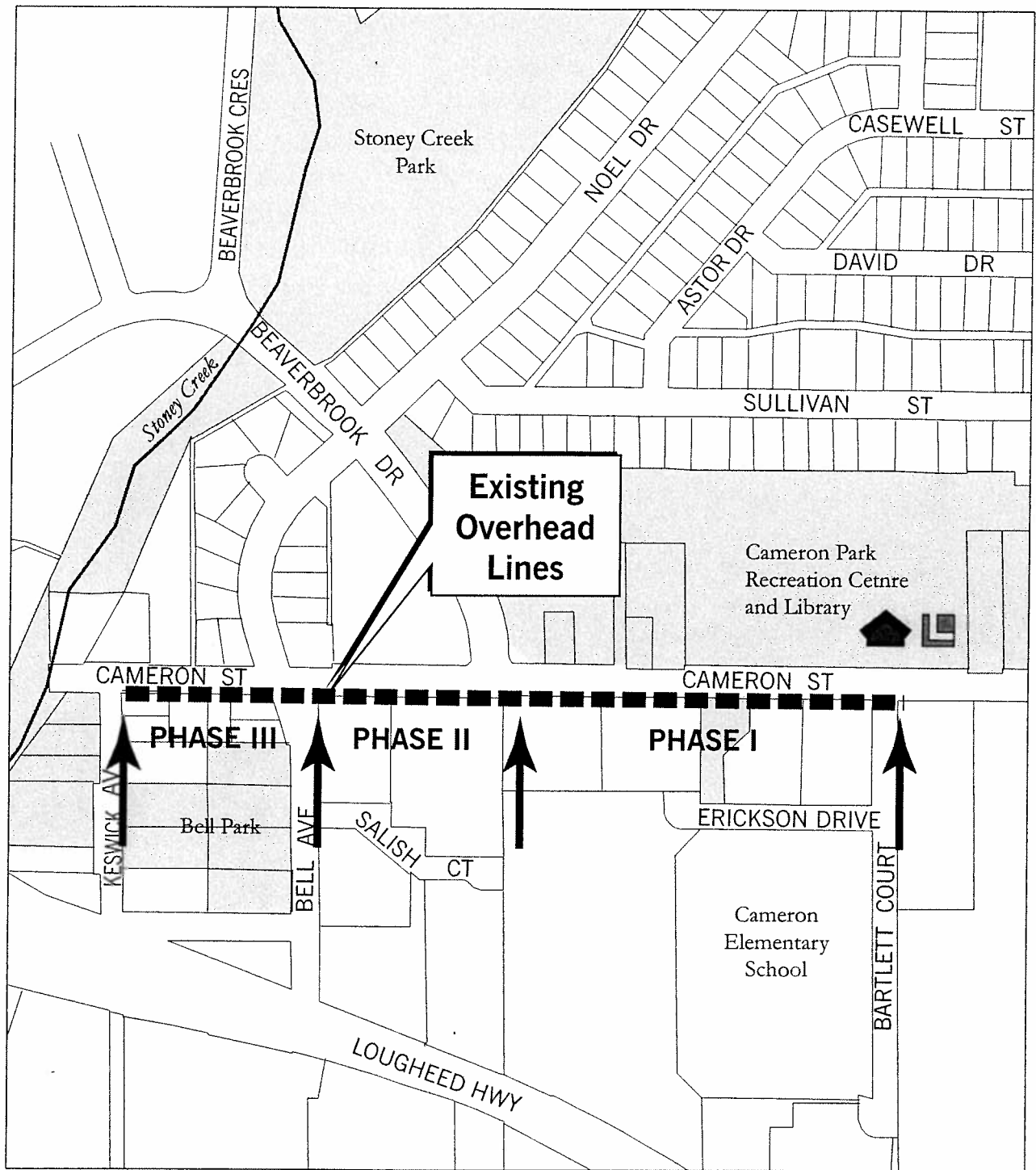


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Sketch #1
 Cameron Street Project
 Proposed Underground Wiring
 BC Hydro Beautification Program, 2004/2005

