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Manager's Report No	13
Council Meeting 03/05	/05

TO:

CITY MANAGER

2003 April 30

FROM:

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: LOUGHEED MALL - REMOVAL OF TREES

9855 AUSTIN ROAD

PRELIMINARY PLAN APPROVAL #03-106

PURPOSE: To respond to a letter of complaint regarding the removal of a row of trees along

Cameron Street located on the north side of the Lougheed Mall at 9855 Austin

Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Derek Wilson, 1020 Dundonald Drive, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 1B9 and to the Lougheed Mall Property Manager, c/o Mr. Richard Armour, Vice President, 20 Vic Management Inc., #106-9855 Austin Road, Burnaby, B.C. V3J 1N4.

REPORT

1.0 **BACKGROUND**

On 2003 April 28, Council received correspondence regarding the removal of a row of Poplar trees along Cameron Street located on the north side of the Lougheed Mall at 9855 Austin Road. This is in response to Council's request for a report on the matter.

1.1 **DISCUSSION**

Lougheed Mall is a large commercial centre and has been the subject of several applications for development approval in line with the existing C3 General Commercial District zoning during the past few years. One of the proposals involved work related to the parking lot on the north side of the mall in front of Wal-Mart adjacent to the subject row of trees. This development of the parking surface and curb resulted in damage to the root structure of these trees. A review of the condition of these trees was undertaken by City staff in consultation with the applicant's arborist and it was decided to remove the subject trees due to their hazardous condition. The removal was subject to the replacement of the row of trees and the surrounding landscaping with a planting plan which would include a more appropriate species of trees which would restore the landscaped area to an equivalent or better condition.

The applicant is working with staff to develop an appropriate planting plan through an application for Preliminary Plan Approval #03-106.

This is for information of Council and it is recommended that a copy of this report be sent to Derek Wilson and the Property Manager, Lougheed Mall.

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cc: Chief Building Inspector