

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2003 06 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 35000-40-007

SUBJECT: GILMORE AVENUE - DAWSON STREET TO STILL CREEK AVENUE

PURPOSE: To seek funding for the completion of Gilmore Avenue from Dawson Street to the Burlington Northern Railway line.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$5.3 million be brought down to finance the construction of Gilmore Avenue Improvements.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

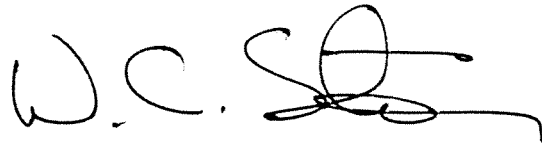
Gilmore Avenue between Lougheed Highway and Canada Way is designated as a Secondary Arterial roadway and is also a part of Burnaby's Truck Route Network. The portion between the Dawson Street and Still Creek Avenue requires extensive upgrading to bring it up to arterial standards. The scope of the improvements include widening to four lanes to accommodate the increase in traffic volumes, providing a road structure to bridge the underlying peat and raising the grade of the roadway to decrease the potential for flooding. The 2003 - 2007 Capital Budget includes upgrading Gilmore Avenue between Still Creek Avenue and Dawson Street as a City project to be constructed in 2003 and 2004.

Other sections of Gilmore Avenue that have previously been upgraded to arterial standards include Dawson Street to Lougheed Highway (2001-02) and Still Creek Drive to the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway line (2002-03). The completion of the section between the Burlington Northern Railway line and Dawson Street is proposed for construction during 2003 and 2004.

2.0 FINANCING

Total cost of the Gilmore Avenue works including engineering services and construction is estimated at \$5.3 million (including 7% GST). Sufficient Capital reserves are available and this project is included in the 2003 - 2007 Capital program. It is therefore recommended that

a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$5.3 million (including 7% GST) be brought forward to fund the projected expenditures for the completion of the Gilmore Avenue construction between Still Creek and Dawson. On a cash flow basis, the year 2003 expenditures will not exceed \$4 million as outlined in the 2003 - 2007 Provisional Capital Budget.



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