

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE
BC HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
CAMERON STREET PHASE 3

2004 November 24

PURPOSE: To update the status of Burnaby's application to BC Hydro for underground wiring funding assistance and to seek Council approval for the priority project on Cameron Street Phase 3 from Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the Cameron Street Phase 3 (Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue) underground wiring project as outlined in this report.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 2004 September 27, Council authorized staff to apply to the 2005/2006 BC Hydro Beautification Program for one-third (1/3) cost-sharing assistance for the removal of overhead power lines at various locations in Burnaby consistent with the City's Capital Program.

Cameron Street Phase 3 (from Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue) has been identified as the priority project within the City's Capital Program, and BC Hydro has provided a preliminary cost estimate of \$500,000.

BC Hydro is seeking confirmation of Council approval for the City's two-thirds (2/3) share of project costs by 2004 November 30 in order for Burnaby's project to be submitted to BC Hydro for advancement through the approval processes and consideration under the terms of the Beautification Program. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the identified priority project, Cameron Street Phase 3 (from Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue).

2.0 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT - CAMERON STREET PHASE 3

Cameron Street Phase 1 (from Bartlett Court to Beaverbrook Drive) and Cameron Street Phase 2 (Beaverbrook Drive to Bell Avenue) were approved as the 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 BC Hydro Beautification Program submissions. Cameron Street Phase 3 would follow the work that is

currently underway and would complete this phased project. This phased project was selected based on its location within the Lougheed 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 Phase 3 project with BC Hydro staff, who have indicated support for our application to complete this phased approach to remove overhead lines along Cameron Street.

The third phase of the project would remove visually obtrusive overhead lines along the south side of Cameron Street from Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue (see *attached* Sketch #1), a portion of Cameron Street that is improved with single-family dwellings. Undergrounding the wires through redevelopment of the four properties on the south side of Cameron Street is not expected since these properties are to be acquired by the City for park purposes for the expansion of Bell Park. The proposed urban trail along the Cameron Street corridor will link the Lougheed Town Centre, including Cameron Recreation Centre, with the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail to the west. Civic contributions to a beautification project along this stretch of Cameron Street will convey a sense of public commitment to improvements in the Lougheed Town Centre as a means of promoting redevelopment in this quadrant of the City.

3.0 PROJECT COSTS - CAMERON STREET PHASE 3

Project costs and the City of Burnaby funds required for the proposed project are outlined below, based on the preliminary estimates provided by BC Hydro. Once detailed estimates have been prepared, staff will seek Council authorization for the appropriate Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw to be pursued.

A.	Estimated undergrounding costs	\$500,000
	BC Hydro contribution (1/3 total)	\$166,667
	City of Burnaby contribution (2/3 total)	\$333,333
B.	Total telephone lines component	\$30,000
	Telus Contribution (12% of total)	\$3,600
	City of Burnaby contribution (88% of total)	\$26,400
C.	Sub-total City of Burnaby Contributions	\$359,733
	Add 10% contingency	\$35,973
	7% GST	\$27,699
	City of Burnaby Funding Requirement	\$423,405
	(Bylaw required to cover this amount)	
	Net Cost (after 4% GST rebate)	\$407,576

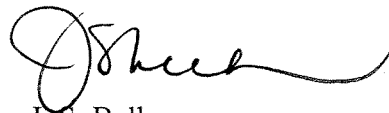
4.0 FINANCING

It is expected that the project will commence by the end of BC Hydro's 2005/2006 fiscal year, with completion by the end of the 2006/2007 fiscal year within the Provisional 2005 - 2009 Capital Program being prepared for Council's consideration. Within the current program, \$250,000 is provided in the Underground Wiring component for 2007. At the time of preparation for the 2005 - 2009 Annual Capital Program, the budget allocation for this project will be updated to be consistent with the current estimate, including the costs of any necessary civil works.

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 BC Hydro through the BC Hydro Beautification Program. Cameron Street Phase 3 (from Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue), which will complete this three phase project pursued over the previous two years, is considered the appropriate priority project for Burnaby's current application to BC Hydro.

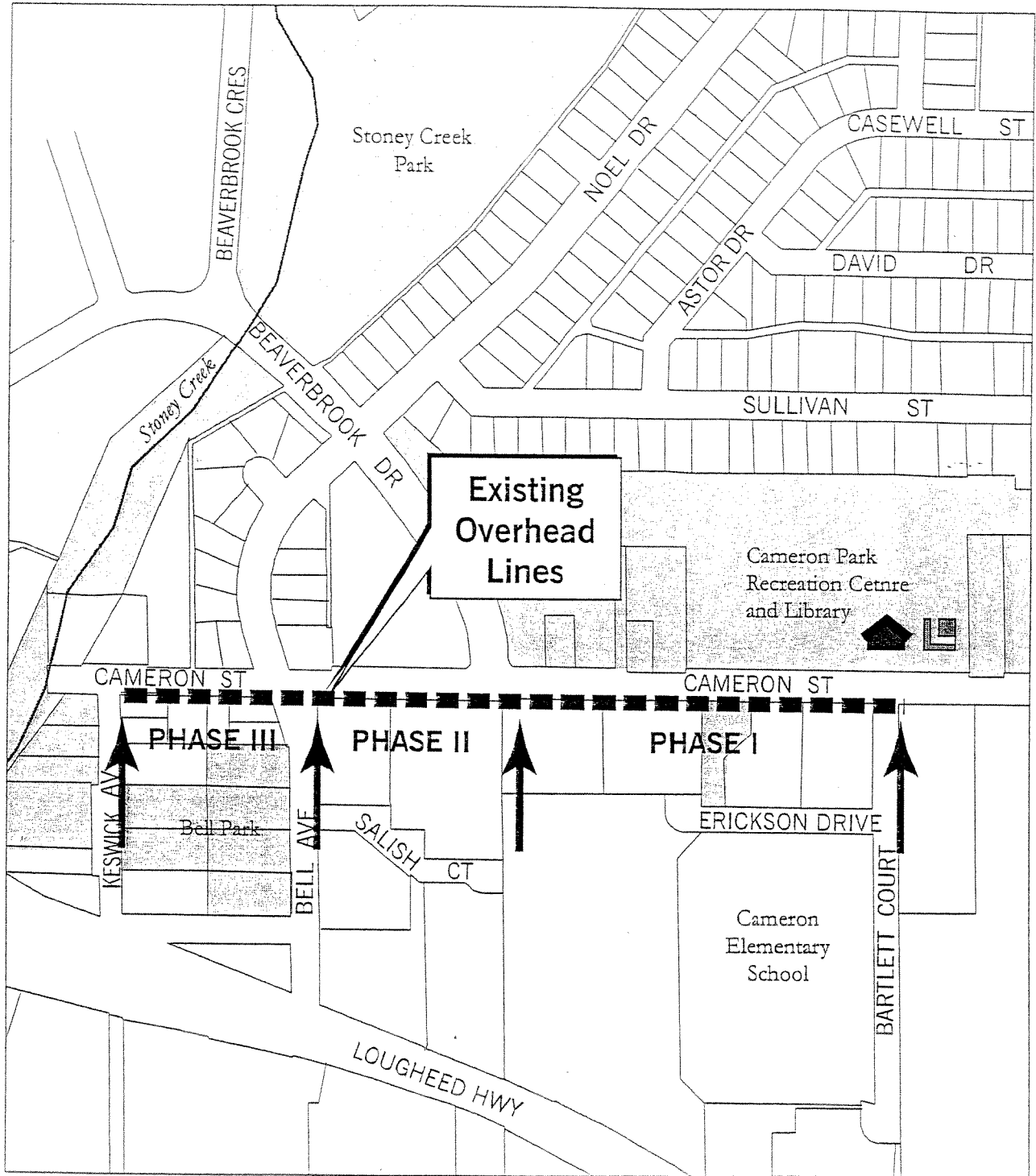
Therefore, it is recommended that Council approve the Cameron Street Phase 3 (Bell Avenue to Keswick Avenue) underground wiring project as outlined in this report.



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Director Finance
Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services



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

