
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2007 September 21

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING **FILE:** 83000 03
Reference: Hydro Beautification Project

SUBJECT: BC HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To advise Council of the status of the City's underground wiring projects under the BC Hydro Beautification Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Appearing elsewhere on Council's agenda is a letter from BC Hydro, dated 2007 September 07, inviting the City of Burnaby to consider projects for submission under the terms of BC Hydro's 2008 Beautification Program.

Under the BC Hydro Beautification Program, Burnaby has an established capital program which provides for the incremental removal of overhead power lines from our primary urban areas and significant parks or cultural amenity areas. Participation in the BC Hydro Beautification Program has provided one-third cost sharing for various underground wiring projects, with Burnaby providing two-thirds of the project costs. Funding assistance has been received in recent years to underground overhead lines along Willingdon Avenue adjacent to Confederation Park, along Bennett Street between Nelson Avenue and Marlborough Avenue, and along Cameron Street in the Lougheed Town Centre.


On 2005 November 7, Council approved the submission to BC Hydro for underground wiring along Canada Way from Kensington Avenue to Deer Lake Avenue, as the City's priority project for the 2006 Beautification Program (see *attached* Sketch). This project seeks to remove poorly sited hydro poles and to underground highly visible overhead wires adjacent to the civic arts, cultural and administrative precinct and Deer Lake Park. The project is proposed to proceed over two years, consistent with the City's capital program allocation.

At this time, BC Hydro is preparing design drawings and a detailed cost assessment for the Canada Way project. BC Hydro has indicated that the anticipated design and cost estimates for the project will be submitted to the City this fall. On receipt, a further report will be submitted to Council to obtain Council's approval for the required specific expenditures consistent with the

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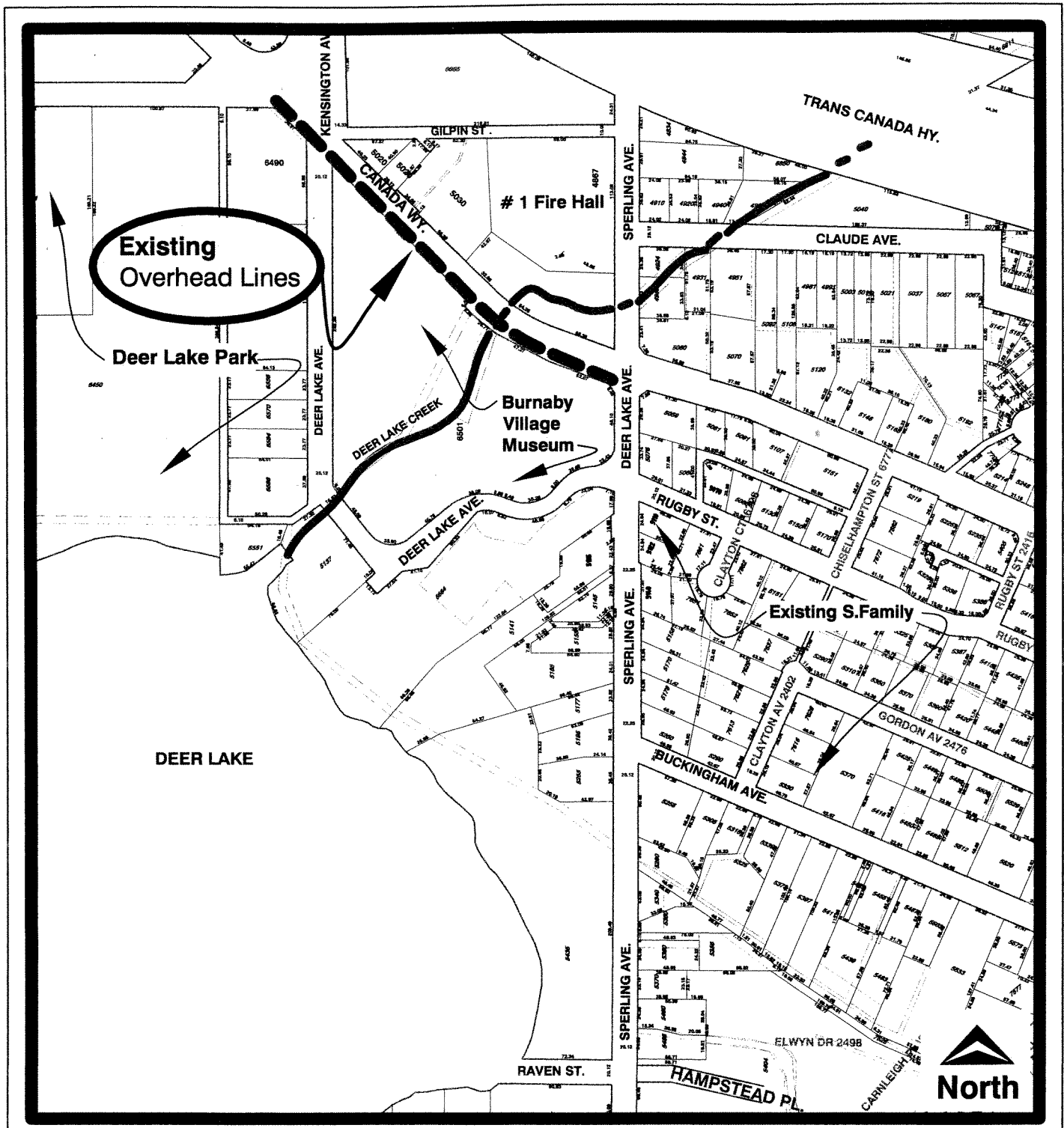
City's capital program. Funding for the Canada Way beautification will be drawn from the 2008 and 2009 capital program allocation for this project, currently set at \$300,000 for each of these two years. Given that the City has a beautification project scheduled for the next two years, staff anticipate that the City would make an application for a new BC Hydro Beautification Program project in 2008, as the current Canada Way project nears completion, in line with the City's 2010 capital program allocation.

This is for the information of Council.


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Director Planning & Building

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Attachment

cc: Director Engineering
Director Finance
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Manager, Transportation Planning



Planning and Building Department

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 Date: November 2005

Canada Way Project
 Proposed Underground Wiring
 (B.C. Hydro Beautification Program)

Sketch # 1