



Item
Meeting2013 September 30

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2013 September 25

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

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR COST SHARE FUNDING
BC HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM –2014**

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to apply to BC Hydro for cost share funding for undergrounding of overhead lines.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize staff to submit an application to BC Hydro for cost share funding under the Beautification Program, as outlined in this report.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

As indicated in the *attached* letter from BC Hydro, which appeared on Council's Agenda on 2013 September 09, the City is invited to submit projects for consideration under the BC Hydro 2013-2014 Beautification Program.

Since the inception of the BC Hydro Program, Burnaby has been pursuing an incremental program to remove overhead power lines in higher profile locations. Participation in the BC Hydro Beautification Program has provided one-third cost sharing for various City underground wiring projects. The 2012-2013 Beautification Program, which is nearing completion, provided for the removal of lines along Deer Lake Avenue, adjacent to the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts. Upon completion of the associated intersection works, being completed by TI Corporation, this will result in a significantly improved entry to the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts and Deer Lake Park.

2.0 BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION - 2014

Staff have reviewed a number of potential projects for Council consideration for the 2014 Beautification Program. At this time, the City is requested to submit potential projects for a review of their feasibility as well as the development of project estimates. As such, staff have identified three potential projects for consideration. One of the projects is located in the Maywood Area of the Metrotown Development Plan, one is located in the Sixth Street Area Plan and one is located in the Brentwood Town Centre Plan. All of the projects are located adjacent to neighbourhood parks meaning that the undergrounding of existing wiring would not be achieved through the re-development process.

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Re: Application for Assistance
BC Hydro Beautification Program - 2014
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The proposed projects to be advanced to BC Hydro for review of feasibility and development of cost estimates include:

- Option A) McKay Avenue fronting Maywood Park** (see Sketch #1 *attached*). This project would remove poles and wiring adjacent to Maywood Park, which is located on McKay Avenue, northeast of Maywood Street. The project would improve an important local park within the Metrotown Town Centre.

- Option B) 16th Avenue from 6th street to the edge of Graham Park** (see Sketch #2 *attached*). This project would remove poles along with poorly sited wiring adjacent to Graham Park and improve the visual landscape of an important park in the newly adopted Sixth Street Area Plan area.

- Option C) Gilmore Avenue fronting Jim Lorimer Park** (see Sketch #3 *attached*) This project would remove poles and overhead wires located on Gilmore Avenue between the BNSF rail tracks and the Tandem development at 4118 Dawson Street, and would improve the visual interface between Jim Lorimer Park and Gilmore Avenue.

With Council approval to advance a new application for consideration of the above noted potential projects, staff will prepare a submission to the BC Hydro Beautification Program for technical review, cost estimates and consideration for cost share funding. Upon receipt of the future response from BC Hydro, staff would prepare a further report for Council to consider a recommended priority project and to outline City funding requirements.

3.0 FINANCING

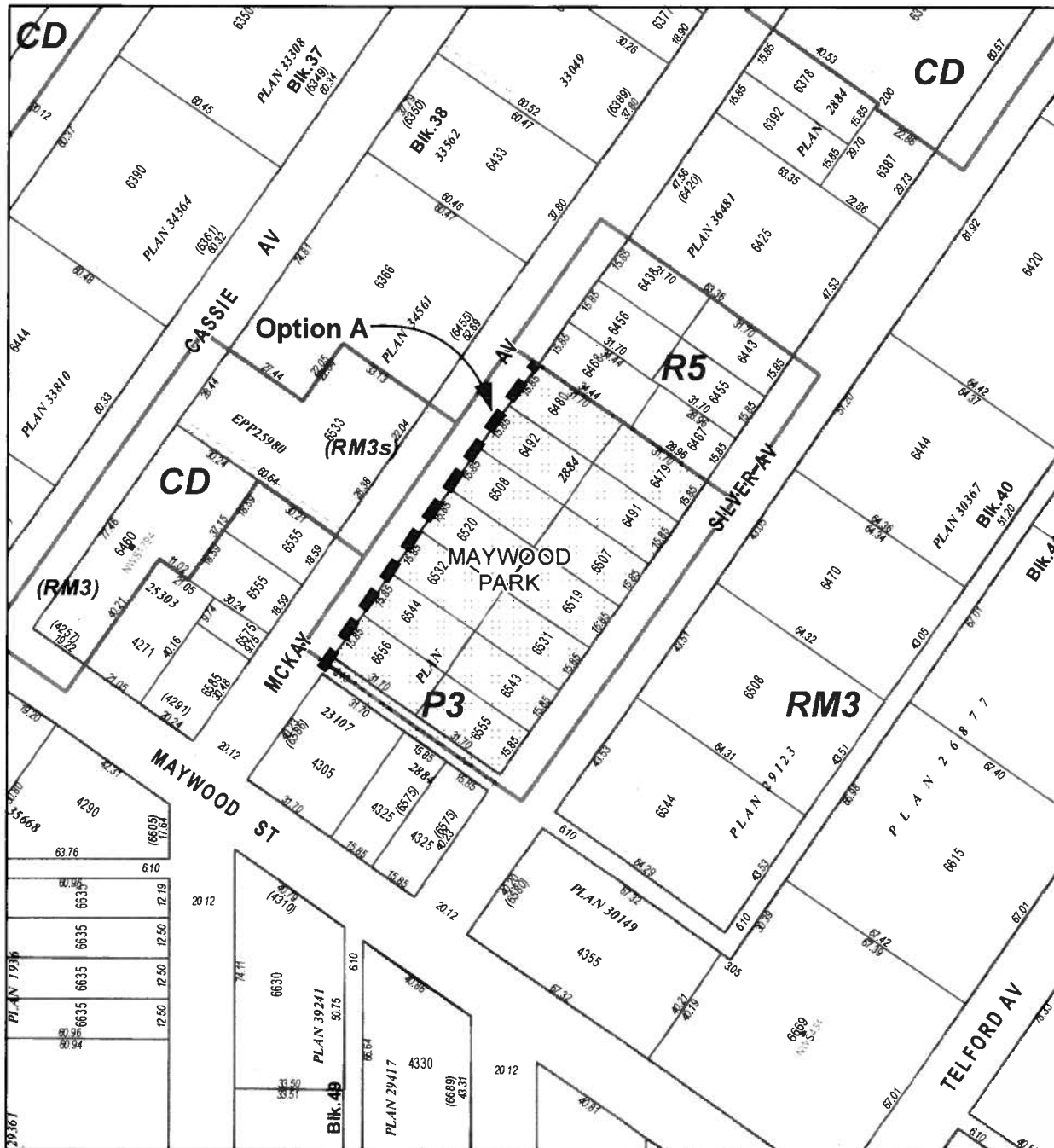
A Capital Budget allocation of \$200,000 for 2014 and \$200,000 for 2015 is provided for the underground wiring Beautification Program within the City's 2014 to 2018 Annual Capital Program. With Council's future approval of a specific project for 2014, staff would advance the approved project in line with the City's Capital Budget for this program.


Lou Pelletier, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachments

- cc: Director Engineering
- Director Finance
- Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services



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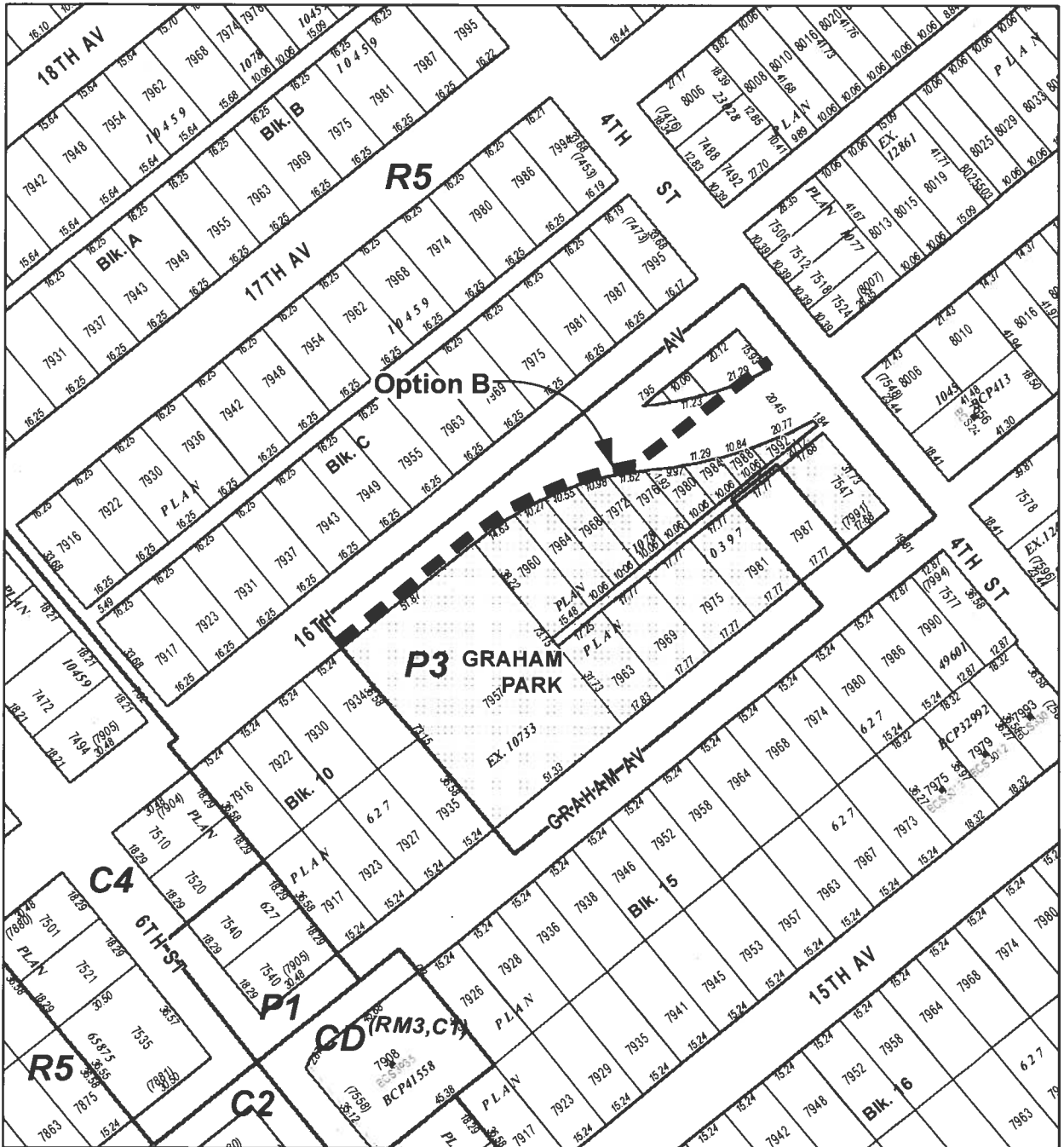




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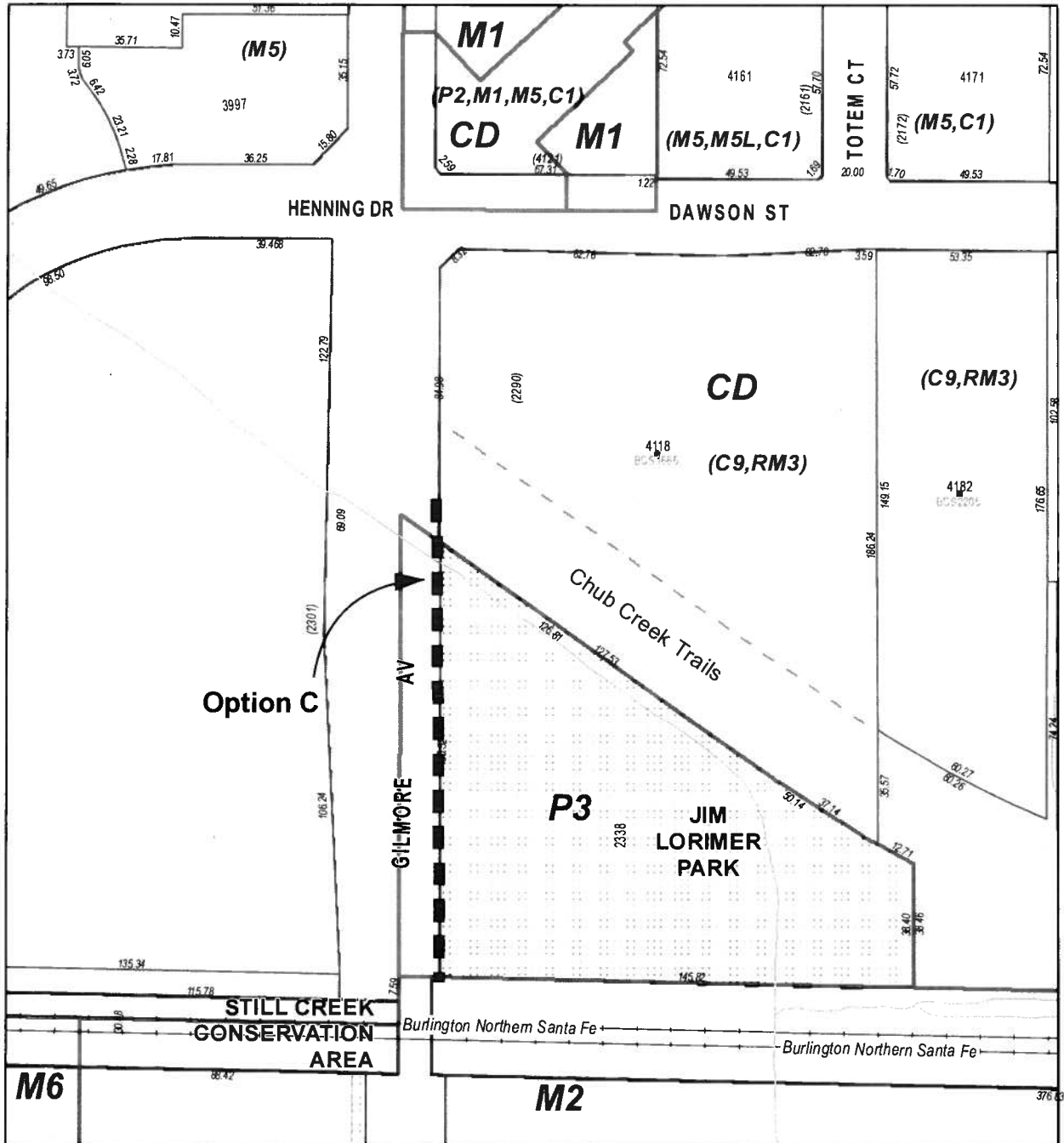
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Sketch #2



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Sketch #3



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14th August 2013

The Mayor and Council
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SECTION 1 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
City Manager
Dir. Planning & Bldg - For Note
Dir. Engineering

Dear Mayor and Council:

Subject: Funding Available for Electric Beautification Projects

Annually, BC Hydro budgets one million dollars for municipal beautification projects. Municipalities wanting to place existing overhead distribution lines underground to address environmental concerns, improve visual aesthetics or accommodate community redevelopment projects are welcome to apply for funding.

Funding is available for one-third of the BC Hydro beautification project estimated cost and the original scope. The attachment describes our program in more detail.

If you are considering a beautification project, an application form (attached) must be returned by October 1st, 2013 with a description of the project, a map showing the extent of the project and an explanation of the project's objectives.

After receiving your application, we will prepare a "ballpark" estimate of cost for your municipality to consider. The municipality will be asked to confirm intent to fund two-thirds of the project's estimated cost and to confirm that the telephone utility has been advised of the project details. This confirmation must be received at BC Hydro by November 15th, 2013 to be reviewed by our VP, Field Operations and the successful applicants will be notified in February 2014. All accepted projects must begin within the fiscal year that they are approved and be completed within 12 months.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the program. If you would like to be considered for funding in 2014, please submit your application no later than October 1st, 2013.

Yours truly,

Gil Alho
Design Manager
Transmission & Distribution

cc: Telus Engineering
G. Samra, Design Manager, Burnaby/Coquitlam

Attachments

*AVAILABLE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE