



TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2014 November 19

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 83000 03

SUBJECT: 2015 BC HYDRO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
UNDERGROUND WIRING PROJECT – EDMONDS STREET

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for an underground wiring project on Edmonds Street for cost share funding under the 2015 BC Hydro Beautification Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the Edmonds Street underground wiring project, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 2014 September 29, Council authorized staff to apply to the BC Hydro Beautification Program for one-third (1/3) cost-sharing funding assistance for the removal of overhead power lines at various locations in Burnaby.

BC Hydro has reviewed the locations submitted for consideration by Burnaby, and has provided a preliminary cost estimate for a project considered suitable for implementation under the BC Hydro Beautification Program. The selected project on Edmonds Street, adjacent to Fire Hall #2, Edmonds Community School, and the Edmonds Resource Centre Site, is indicated on Sketch #1 (*attached*).

This report recommends Council approval for this underground wiring project. With the requested Council approval, BC Hydro would advance the City's application through its approval processes for allocation of the available 1/3 cost share funding assistance, under the terms of the Beautification Program. If Burnaby is successful in this application, a further report would be prepared for Council to seek specific funding authorization in line with a finalized estimate.

2.0 PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project is on Edmonds Street and extends from the southwest property line at Fire Hall #2 to the first pole west of Canada Way (Sketch #1 *attached*). This project would improve the Edmonds Street streetscape by removing poorly sited hydro poles and undergrounding highly

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visible overhead wires along the southeast side of Edmonds Street adjacent to Fire Hall #2, Edmonds Community School, and the Edmonds Resource Centre Site, that would otherwise not be removed through development. On review of three potential projects, this Edmonds Street project is being proposed for advancement as the City's 2015 Beautification Project.

It is noted that the proposed project would require, in the vicinity of Fire Hall #2, a Statutory Right-of-Way for the placement of a below-grade Vista switch and for the placement of a junction box.

3.0 PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

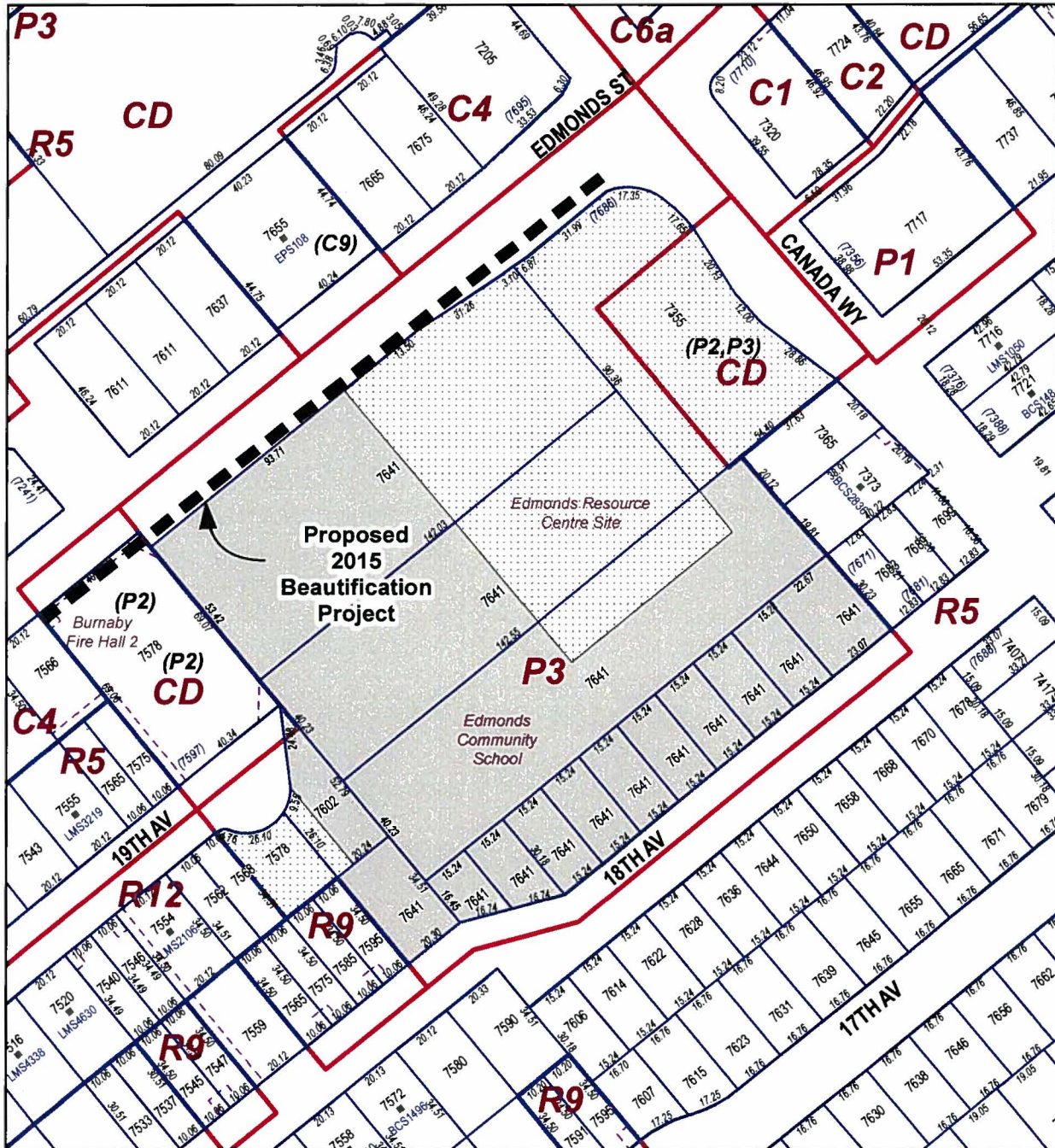
The preliminary project cost estimate provided by BC Hydro is \$527,000, with the City's 2/3 portion estimated as being up to \$351,510, not including taxes. A Sufficient Capital Budget allocation of \$200,000 for 2015 and \$200,000 for 2016 is provided for the underground wiring Beautification Program within the City's 2014 to 2018 Annual Capital Program. Once details of the finalized project costs and cost share contributions are received, a further report would be prepared for Council. At that time, as appropriate, Council approval would be sought to bring down the necessary Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw to fund the project.

In addition, for preparation of the 2015 - 2019 Annual Capital Program, the budget allocation for this project would be updated consistent with the finalized cost estimates and cost share contributions attributable to the City, including the costs of any necessary civil or other works related to the project.


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Attachment

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