

SELECT COMMITTEE - ESSONDALE HOUSING PROJECT

DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM

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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of Council

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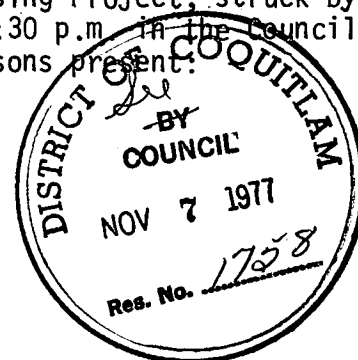
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A meeting of the Select Committee - Essondale Housing Project, struck by Council on October 15th, was held on November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, with the following persons present:

Ald. Sekora, Chairman
Ald. Robinson

STAFF:

R.A. LeClair	D. Cunnings
A. Phillips	E. Tiessen
H. Castillou	



Mr. Tiessen reviewed briefly the past history of the Essondale housing proposal, from the initial concept in 1975, through the various changes in position by HCBC, to the latest proposal from that agency.

Mr. Phillips suggested that it was now perhaps appropriate to consider the fundamental question of what land use is most appropriate on the site, considering the topography, particular servicing problems, and present housing market, rather than proceeding from the assumption that 2,000 dwelling units must go on the site. Mr. LeClair noted that the proposed housing on the site was not a municipal initiative; in fact, prior to 1975, the Provincial Government had not been willing to discuss plans for the site with the Municipality, and hence the Municipality had not, and was not able to, make appropriate plans or provision for development of the site.

Mr. Castillou stated his concern for the preservation of the approximately 40 acre stand of prime timber on the site, which is almost unique in the Greater Vancouver area. He suggested that as a first step, Council commission an independent and thorough forestry survey to determine what measures are appropriate to ensure preservation of this stand.

After considerable further discussion, the Committee resolved to recommend to Council:

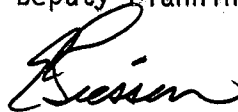
"That appropriation up to a maximum amount of \$20,000 be included in the 1977 amended budget for the purpose of an independent comprehensive and detailed survey of tree growth and its environment on the Essondale site by a qualified forestry consultant retained by the District, with a view to determining what measures would be necessary to ensure survival of the prime stand."

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The Committee also agreed to meet with Mr. Cunnings at the Municipal Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5th, in order to conduct a tour of the site.

Minutes recorded by
E. Tiessen
Deputy Planning Director



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