

June 20, 1996

SUBJECT: B.C. Hydro and Power Authority Right of Way -
Locarno Beach Park and Jericho Beach Park

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board grant a Statutory Right-of Way to B.C. Hydro and Power Authority for the overhead electrical high voltage feeder pole line running east-west between Northwest Marine Drive and Discovery Street on the approximate easterly production of Belmont Avenue and for two pole lines at the north foot of Discovery Street feeding Jericho Sailing Club.

BACKGROUND

B.C. Hydro and Power Authority (BCH), provides electrical service to the Jericho Youth Hostel, Park Board Jericho Service Yard, Jericho Sailing Club and the GVSDD sewer pump station via a feeder through Locarno Beach Park approximately in line with the south side of the production of Belmont Avenue. When Council approved designation of the property as permanent park at their meeting of July 26, 1983 they also approved assignment of the existing rights-of-way for City and GVSDD sewer lines. There was, however, no existing right-of-way for the power lines. Discovery Street, which runs north from N.W. Marine Drive to English Bay is still under jurisdiction of the City Engineering Services Department so a utility right-of-way was not required for services on that street allowance.

B.C. Hydro has now requested these rights-of-way so they can carry out some needed maintenance on the feeder line. The approximate locations for the rights-of-way are shown on the attached plan.

DISCUSSION

Without these rights-of-way the situation created is unusual since BCH can legally maintain the line on Discovery Street but not the feeder or services for Jericho Sailing Club. Providing these rights-of-way will resolve that problem and absolve the Board of any responsibility or liability for the high voltage feeder.

The Land Survey Branch of the City Engineering Services Department and the City Law Department have reviewed this request for a statutory right-of-way and concur with it. They have prepared the required plans but require Park Board approval in order to proceed to completion.

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