

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
SUBJECT: **STATUTORY RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR BC HYDRO - 3676 KENSINGTON AVENUE AND 3860 SPERLING AVENUE (BURNABY LAKE RECREATION CENTRE)**
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to grant two Statutory Rights-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro over a portion of 3676 Kensington Avenue and 3860 Sperling Avenue to permit the installation, operations and maintenance of electrical works.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Statutory Rights-of-Way be granted in favour of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority over portions of 3676 Kensington Avenue and 3860 Sperling Avenue to permit the installation, operations and maintenance of electrical works, as described in Section 2.0 of the report titled “Statutory Rights-of-Way for BC Hydro - 3676 Kensington Avenue and 3860 Sperling Avenue (Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre)” dated January 13, 2026.

1.0 POLICY

The development of the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre and the granting of the associated BC Hydro Statutory Rights-of-Way is aligned and supported by the following Council adopted policies and plans/strategies:

- Corporate Strategic Plan (2022): and,
- Burnaby 2050 Official Community Plan.

2.0 BACKGROUND

As part of the development of the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre, City staff have been engaged with BC Hydro to identify required infrastructure to support the provision of electrical services to the new facility. BC Hydro has identified the need for access to a portion of the properties at 3676 Kensington Avenue and 3860 Sperling Avenue to accommodate the necessary electrical infrastructure. To provide BC Hydro with access to permit the installation, operations, and future maintenance of the required infrastructure, Statutory Rights-of-Way (SRW) are required over portions of the lands. This report seeks Council approval to grant blanket SRWs in favour of BC Hydro over the lands. Staff in the Legal, Engineering, Lands & Facilities, and Planning and Development Departments will work with BC Hydro to finalize the SRW agreements to permit BC Hydro to install the associated works over the sites. Following the installation

of the required BC Hydro infrastructure, a survey of the areas required to operate and maintain the infrastructure, generally being the areas shown outlined in bold on **Attachment 1 – Sketches 2 and 3** (the “SRW Areas”) will be prepared to restrict the grant of the SRWs to the SRW Areas. The City has not requested compensation for the grant of the SRWs as the BC Hydro infrastructure is necessary to provide electrical services to the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre.

3.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement is required as part of this SRW approval request.

4.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional City costs associated with the preparation and execution of these SRWs.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Sketches 1 to 3

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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