

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

September 4, 1964.

HIS WORSHIP THE REEVE
AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Your Committee met on Monday, August 31st and considered proposed new subdivision controls centering upon the ultimate adoption of a new Subdivision Control By-law.

The question of utility pole locations in new subdivisions came under review and while the powers of the Council are somewhat limited in the matter of designating the location of utility poles, it is considered most desirable that these poles be installed where feasible and practical in lanes or via aerial easements where no lanes are created.

It is appreciated that the Utilities (B. C. Telephone Company and B. C. Hydro and Power Authority) have extraordinary powers relating to the location of poles, and that there are many different circumstances involved in design layout of subdivisions which govern the requirement of lane allowances. Discretion must, therefore, rest with the Approving Officer when approving a subdivision plan, on whether or not this requirement is practical. In larger subdivisions particularly, the requirement will become a matter of deliberation with the subdivider.

Your Committee would recommend that as a general policy, utility poles to be installed in new subdivisions, be located other than on the street allowances established by or involved in such subdivisions, and that the Approving Officer be directed to use his discretion in this respect when approving subdivision plans, taking into account the design layout of subdivisions and the inherent powers of the B. C. Telephone Company and the B. C. Hydro and Power Authority in establishing the location of utility poles.

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