

Item No. 15 (verbal)
 Manager's Rept. No. 83,1965
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 Council Meeting 6/12/65

Re: Burris Street from Grandview-Douglas Highway to Walker Avenue

On 25th October 1965, Council authorized the following work on Burris Street to be initiated as a Local Improvement:

- (a) Burris St. from Buckingham to Walker - concrete curbs on both sides plus pavement to 28' between curbs
- (b) Burris St. from Buckingham to Grandview-Douglas - 5' concrete curb sidewalks on both sides plus pavement to 36' between curbs.
- (c) East side of Burris from Buckingham to Walker - 4 1/2' concrete sidewalk abutting the curb.

The above works would bring Burris Street between Grandview-Douglas and Walker to ultimate standard.

By letter dated 22nd November 1965, and dealt with by Council on 29th November 1965 the Buckingham School Association requested that its original proposal of a sidewalk only on Burris from Walker to Grandview-Douglas be considered again. The reason advanced was that the complete Local Improvement proposed would serve all the traffic on the street which did not appear fair to the property-owners.

Your Municipal Manager was directed to report on the matter.

As previously stated, the proposed Local Improvement would have brought Burris to ultimate standard. The property-owners would have been assessed on the same basis as all other Local Improvements on residential streets, i.e. for the sidewalks, curbs and paving to a maximum street width of 28 feet. Irrespective of any decision of Council with respect to Local Improvement on this street, it should be made abundantly clear that this is the situation and the matter of traffic is not relevant for the reason that it applies in all cases and is taken care of by the policy of a maximum of 28' street width being charged to the property-owners on residential streets with any additional width required for traffic being charged to the Corporation, being the population at large.

Your Municipal Manager however, confesses that, on reviewing the situation, he erred in placing the original proposal for ultimate development before Council. On hindsight it is perfectly clear that it is very premature to construct Burris to this standard until an alternative route for heavy traffic is approved and constructed. This is one of the unresolved problems for Council.

The Municipal Engineer advises that it is quite practical to construct a sidewalk only on Burris as the Association requests.

It is recommended then that:

- (a) the previous decision of Council for the ultimate development of Burris to be initiated as a Local Improvement be rescinded.
- (b) Council authorize the initiation of a 4 1/2' sidewalk only on the east side of Burris from Grandview-Douglas to Walker Avenue, the location of such sidewalk to be on an alignment to permit future ultimate development of Burris Street in accordance with design without loss of the sidewalk.

Initiate on 2/3 : 1/3 basis from Buckingham to Walker - the remainder on the usual basis.