

AUGUST 22, 1968

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby 2, B. C. on Thursday, August 22, 1968 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor A. H. Emmott in the Chair;
Aldermen Corsbie, Drummond, Herd,
and Lorimer;

ABSENT: Aldermen Blair, Dailly, Mercier and
McLean;

A. G. and I. Y. Paige submitted a letter requesting an audience with Council regarding a proposed Local Improvement for Halifax Street between Duthie Avenue and Augusta Avenue.

In their letter, the Paige's made the following points:

- (a) They favour the original Local Improvement proposal; i.e., pavement 36 feet wide on, and curb sidewalks on both sides of, this portion of Halifax Street.
- (b) Sidewalks are necessary on both sides of a street that is developed to that width because of the safety factor involved.
- (c) If no sidewalk is built on the North side of the Street, those residents living on Augusta Avenue wanting to use the bus which stops at the North-West corner of Halifax Street and Duthie Avenue will need to cross Halifax Street twice each time they travel to the bus stop and then twice more when they are leaving it to go home.

It is quite likely that most people, particularly children, will walk along the boulevard on the North side of Halifax Street rather than cross the street to the sidewalk on the South side. This will be hazardous due to the anticipated increase in traffic volumes that will follow the opening of the new Golf Course at the East end of the street.

- (d) A sidewalk will increase the value of the properties benefitting from it.
- (e) The petition opposing the construction of sidewalks was not signed by a majority of the property owners concerned, and therefore Council should proceed with the original proposal.
- (f) The Council, on August 19th, was unknowingly confused as to the number of property owners on the North side of Halifax Street between Duthie Avenue and Augusta Avenue.
- (g) They are willing to pay their fair share of the cost of the sidewalk work.

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MOVED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HERD:
"That Mr. Paige be heard."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Paige appeared and displayed a map illustrating those on the subject portion of Halifax Street that desire a sidewalk and those who do not.

He presented a Brief containing the following points:

- (1) all the property owners on the North side of Halifax Street are not opposed to a sidewalk there.
- (2) as a result of contacting a spokesman for the Directors of the Swedish-Canadian Rest Home, it was ascertained that they definitely desire a sidewalk on the North side as well as the South side of the Street.

This spokesman also indicated that, when the municipality was negotiating with the Rest Home for the purchase of land for the widening of Halifax Street, it was agreed that sidewalks would be constructed on both sides of the street as one of the conditions under which the land was conveyed to the municipality.
- (3) the owner of the property at the North-East corner of Halifax Street and Duthie Avenue also wishes a sidewalk alongside his property.
- (4) indications are that Halifax Street will eventually be an arterial route.
- (5) Halifax Street between Sperling Avenue and Cliff Avenue already has sidewalks on both sides.
- (6) during inclement weather, people (particularly women) stepping out of their cars on the opposite side of the drivers seat will not alight onto wet grass if a sidewalk is built.
- (7) the point made by Mrs. Clarke in her submission that the construction of a sidewalk would result in people littering the boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk is not valid because such littering will occur irrespective of whether there is a sidewalk or not.
- (8) none of the property owners on the North side of the Street will lose any of their grassed area if a sidewalk is built.
- (9) both the petition submitted by the Clarkes and two other property owners in opposition to the original work plus the one that was circulated for the same work, except for a sidewalk, were not signed by a sufficient majority of the owners.
- (10) in view of the foregoing, the Council should proceed with its original plan to provide pavement 36 feet wide on, and concrete curb sidewalks five feet wide on both sides of, Halifax Street between Duthie Avenue and Augusta Avenue.

This should be done immediately in order that the work can be completed before the Golf Course opens on September 17, 1968.

The Brief from Mr. Paige contained other points that he had already made in his letter.

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Mr. C. Isaacson, owner of the property at the North-East corner of Halifax Street and Duthie Avenue, submitted a letter advising that he supported the original proposal of Council to construct, as a Local Improvement, concrete sidewalks on both sides of the subject portion of Halifax Street plus pavement to a width of 36 feet on this street.

He added that his reasons were that a sidewalk would give the Street a finished appearance and would make it safer for pedestrian traffic.

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Municipal Manager submitted a report in connectbn with the matter at hand advising as follows:

- (a) The Municipal Clerk, in his Certificate of Sufficiency that was submitted to Council on August 19, 1968, attested that the petition in opposition to the Local Improvement proposal that was initiated by Council was insufficient to defeat the work, which was pavement to a width of 36 feet on, and concrete sidewalks five feet wide on both sides of, Halifax Street between Duthie Avenue and Augusta Avenue.
- (b) As a result of representations being made to Council on August 19th by Mrs. L. Clarke, one of the owners of property on the North side of this portion of Halifax Street, the Council directed that a petition be circulated to all the property owners involved to determine their reaction to a proposal to construct the same work except for the sidewalks.
- (c) The Council also indicated that, if this work was approved by the requisite number of property owners, the Corporation would construct a concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the South side of the Street at the direct expense of the municipality.
- (d) This was done and the Municipal Clerk has certified that the petition is insufficient.

The Council is therefore estopped from undertaking this work.
- (e) The Council is now left with three reasonable alternatives:
 - (i) to proceed as originally planned.
 - (ii) to not do this and instead undertake the work without the construction of a sidewalk on the North side.
 - (iii) to not finish the Street to the standard proposed and instead apply pavement twenty feet wide under the maintenance paving programme.
- (f) A representative of the Swedish Canadian Rest Home Association, who was approached as a result of the circulation of the petition after the August 19th Council meeting, mentioned an undertaking by the Corporation to construct the work that was initiated by Council. He pointed out in this regard that this undertaking was given when negotiations were in process to acquire a strip of land 33 feet wide from the property of the Association for the widening of Halifax Street.

His Worship, Mayor Emmott, urged that Council proceed with the Local Improvement proposal that was initiated.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:
"That Council proceed with the original Local Improvement proposal that was initiated, which is to construct pavement 36 feet wide on, and concrete curb sidewalks five feet wide on both sides of, Halifax Street between Duthie Avenue and Augusta Avenue."

CARRIED

AGAINST -- ALDERMAN CORSBIE

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Executive Director, Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board, submitted a circular letter extending an invitation to Council to participate in a Public Hearing that is being held on August 28, 1968 at 7:30 p.m. in the Minoru Pavilion, Richmond, for the purpose of receiving representations in connection with proposals for a railway route through the Fraser Valley to serve the port facility at Roberts Bank in Delta.

The letter from the Executive Director pointed out that the concern of the Board is that the proposed rail route will detrimentally affect the development and environment of the Region embraced by the Board.

He added that the technical staff of the Board have proposed that rail service to Roberts Bank be provided via the existing Fraser River Industrial and railway corridor because:

- (a) this would take advantage of an established railway route and would only require a six mile extension from Tilbury Island West and South to Roberts Bank.
- (b) this river route is considered the best among a number of alternative routes since it:
 - (i) respects the future development potential of the municipalities it passes through (Matsqui, Langley Township, Langley City and Surrey)
 - (ii) produces a minimum of hazards, intrusion and conflicts with present and proposed future development.
 - (iii) entails the least amount of new railway construction.
 - (iv) avoids duplication of railway corridors and rail service capacity in the Lower Mainland.

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It was suggested in Council that, if Alderman McLean (who is the representative of Council on the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board) is not able to attend the Public Hearing mentioned in the letter from the Board, Council should appoint someone else to represent it at the Hearing.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HERD:
"That Alderman J. D. Drummond be appointed as the representative of Council to attend the Public Hearing in Richmond on August 28, 1968 that is being held by the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board in the event Alderman McLean is not able to attend the Hearing."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:

"That leave be given to introduce:

"BURNABY LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BY-LAW NO. 17, 1968" #5396

"BURNABY LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BY-LAW NO. 18, 1968" #5397

and that they now be read a First Time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:

"That the By-laws be now read a Second Time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:

"That the Council do now resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider and report on the By-laws."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:

"That the Committee do now rise and report the By-laws complete."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE COUNCIL RECONVENED

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:

"That the report of the Committee be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LORIMER:

"That:

"BURNABY LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BY-LAW NO. 17, 1968"

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be now read a Third Time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR EMMOTT, stated that he had had a discussion with Senior Mendez of the United Farm Workers of California regarding the matter of people boycotting grape purchases.

His Worship indicated he was quite impressed with the presentation of Senior Mendez and that, on the basis of the description of the situation provided by Mr. Mendez, it seemed that the United Farm Workers representing those involved in the grape industry had a good case.

He also mentioned that Vice President Humphries of the United States had expressed support in writing for the plight of the grape workers.

His Worship ^{stated that} the complaint of these people, is basically against the working conditions, not just wages. He added that these workers are being intimidated and there have been many cases of violence when attempts are made to establish a Union of the workers.

His Worship stated that he had invited Senior Mendez to meet with Council but this had not been possible due to him having had other commitments on his time.

He emphasized that it was only the purchase of table grapes that was being boycotted, not those used for wine.

His Worship concluded by stating that both he and his wife will not purchase table grapes from California in recognition of the boycott and the efforts being expended by the United Farm Workers of California.

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ALDERMAN LORIMER advised that he, as the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Health, was required to present a Brief in Victoria on August 29th to the Ministers of Health and Education.

He requested that Council authorize him to make that trip at the expense of the Corporation.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CORSBIE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HERD:

"That Alderman J. G. Lorimer be authorized to travel to Victoria on August 29th for the purpose of presenting a Brief to the Ministers of Health and Education on behalf of the Metropolitan Board of Health, with the expenses incurred by him as a result being borne by the Corporation on the usual basis."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed:

Certified correct:


MAYOR


CLERK

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