12. Re: Closure of a portion of Laurel Street West of Smith Avenue

Council gave Final Reading to a By-Law closing the portion of Laurel Street indicated as number (1) in the attached diagram at its August 23, 1971 meeting. Council will recall that it authorized the introduction of a Road-Closing By-Law, a subsequent petition to Victoria for title to one-half of this allowance and the sale of this portion to the applicant for the rezoning of the properties to the north.

The Planning Department now requests that Council authorize the following steps in order that Laurel Street be closed and in order that certain Corporation owned properties indicated in the attached sketch may be consolidated:

(1) The introduction of a Road-Closing By-Law to close the remaining portion of Laurel Street indicated as number (2) on the attached sketch and that portion of the lane south of Laurel Street shown as number (3).

A sanitary sewer line is presently located in this lane allowance. The Planning Department feels that this sewer should be relocated to the northsouth lane allowance so as to make the site more developable. The Engineering Department has estimated the cost of this work at \$6,600, a figure which is currently being revised. The relocation work should be completed before Laurel Street is constructed and paved as part of rezoning application #52/70 covering the properties to the north of the Corporation owned properties. Presumably we would recover the cost when the Corporation property is sold.

- (2) The petitioning of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council in Victoria for title to the closed portions or road.
- (3) The subsequent consolidation of the Corporation owned properties indicated in the attached sketch with the closed portion of road and lane.
- (4) The dedication of a north-south lane to replace the east-west lane (number (4) on diagram).

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the recommendations of the Planning Department be adopted.

