

ITEM 7

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 81

COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 11/72

7. Re: Request for Street Lighting  
(Item 18 (Supplementary) Report No. 80, December 4, 1972)

Appearing on the Agenda for the December 4, 1972 meeting of Council was a request dated November 23, 1972 from Mrs. S. Ottman of 6955 Aubrey Street. The request was for installation of a street light near her place of residence on Aubrey Street.

The Engineer has investigated the matter and advises as follows:

" The present street lighting in this area is what is commonly referred to as interim street lighting. These are mercury vapour lights that are leased from the B.C. Hydro and are mounted on steel arms attached to wooden Hydro poles.

The present policy of Council is that these lights be mounted primarily as a traffic safety feature at intersections, dead end streets or sharp changes in street alignment. The policy for some years provided for the installation of a mid-block light if the distance between intersections or existing lights exceeded 1000 feet. Just recently, the 1000 foot limit was reduced to 700 feet. The above, of course, is all dependent upon the existence of a Hydro pole and power source.

From an inspection of the existing street lighting on Aubrey Street we found that there was a mercury vapour light at the intersection of Cliff Avenue and Aubrey Street about 200 feet east of 6955 Aubrey. Another light is situated on Aubrey Street about 300 feet west of 6955 Aubrey. The total distance between lights being 500 feet places the lighting for the 5900 block Aubrey well within the standard for interim lighting.

The reference to being in a gully could be somewhat misleading and should be clarified. The road and land at 6955 Aubrey is about four feet lower than the centre of Cliff Avenue 200' to the east and about eight feet lower than the road 300' to the west.

It was also noted in Mrs. Ottman's letter that the house was, presumably, in total darkness when being burglarized. It should be pointed out that to leave a house in total darkness is an open invitation to burglars.

In summing up, we would advise that as the present lighting in the 6900 block Aubrey meets the present policy standard, we are unable to recommend additional lighting. "

Selection of ornamental street lighting for the area in question is considered a low priority because existing power poles provide an acceptable level of lighting as established by Council policy. Ornamental street lighting for Aubrey and adjacent streets will therefore not be considered before 1976.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT an additional street light not be installed in the vicinity of 6955 Aubrey Street because the present standard of lighting in the area conforms to established standards; and

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Ottman.