

3. Re: Fire Signal - Canada Way at Sperling Avenue.

A suggestion was made at the Council meeting on June 21st that the fire signal at the above location be positioned further back from the intersection, or an advance warning of the signal provided, so that motorists on Canada Way will have ample time in which to decelerate when the fire signal is activated.

The contention was made that traffic on Canada Way, being permitted to travel at 40 m.p.h., often finds it difficult to stop when the fire signal is activated and therefore the fire truck is not able to enter Canada Way in the quickest manner possible.

As a result, the Engineer wrote to the Regional Engineer of the Department of Highways for a permit to install advance flashers to the captioned fire signal.

The Department of Highways advises that it has concluded for the time being that advance signals are really not warranted. The Department has painted stop lines on the near sides of the intersection and has erected "Signal Stop Line" signs. We have been asked by the Department to evaluate the effectiveness of these devices and to advise the Department as to whether or not they serve the purpose satisfactorily.

The Municipal Engineer has looked at the rear end accident picture on Canada Way since installation of the fire signal and finds that in the same period there were 6 before and 5 after reported accidents. As there has been no increase in the accident picture, an expenditure of about \$3,000 for advance signalization would seem unwarranted.

In recent discussion by the Engineer with a representative of the Department of Highways, the matter was again discussed and we put forward the suggestion that in lieu of signals would the Department approve the installation of overhead davit mounted signs. The indication was favourable that such a permit could be obtained if there was an indication of a need for such signing. The cost of this signing would be approximately \$1,000.

In view of the above, the Engineer intends to evaluate the intersection from time to time and if an accident trend develops, we will apply for a permit for overhead advance signing.

This is for the information of Council.