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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 46
COUNCIL MEETING July 17/72

3. Re: North-South Arterial Road Route Through Oakalla Lands

The following report dated July 6, 1972, from the Planning Director briefly outlines the history of the above and recommends that authority be given to engage a consultant to design the major road proposed from Percival at Gilpin to Gilley Avenue. This design is required so that the survey to delineate the road boundary can be proceeded with by B.C. Hydro.

Adoption of this recommendation merely authorizes the expenditure of funds for the design work by consultants. It does not approve of any finalization of land negotiations. We are still working on some sort of "package", but nothing has been finalized or progressed to the point that we can report further to Council on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authority be given to make use of a consultant on the design of the arterial road linking Gilpin with Gilley via the Oakalla lands.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JULY 6, 1972
OUR FILE: 03.300

MR. M. J. SHELLEY
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DEAR SIR:

RE: NORTH-SOUTH ARTERIAL ROAD ROUTE
THROUGH OAKALLA LANDS

The location of a north-south road through the central area of the Municipality has been a contentious issue in the past, but following a comprehensive review of the subject the Municipal Council in 1966 made a decision to locate the route on the west side of Deer Lake linking Gilpin Street with Gilley Avenue through the Oakalla lands owned by the Provincial Government.

Following this decision, a preliminary route alignment was prepared and plans were forwarded to the Provincial Government showing the tentative right-of-way required.

Sporadic discussion, and correspondence followed; reference to the route is included in our Capital Budget and in 1970, precipitated by a letter from Mr. J. G. Lorimer on the subject of Oakalla lands, the Council were presented with a sketch showing the alignment of the proposed road, plus that portion of the Oakalla Prison Farm property which is required for park purposes. This sketch indicated that approximately thirteen acres would be required for road and approximately 56 acres for park between the road and Deer Lake. This plan will be available at the Council Meeting for information purposes.

More recently B. C. Hydro prompted by their desire to enter into land exchanges with the Municipality and through exchanges involving Provincial and B. C. Hydro owned lands obtained Provincial consent to the release of 100 acres of Oakalla lands for road and park purposes.


Mr. Grant of B. C. Hydro who carried out these negotiations with the Province had available to him the Municipal sketch referred to above, and the 100 acres to be released included the road right-of-way, the land between the road and Deer Lake, with the balance made up of the low lying land, west of the road towards Royal Oak Avenue.

Having reached this point, it is now necessary to finalize the route alignment, by preparing detailed engineering designs, based upon ground surveys, in order that subdivision plans can be prepared to separate the lands to be released from the lands to be retained by the Province. To this end the Provincial Government as stated in the attached letter from Mr. Grant dated 5 June, 1972 have agreed to permit entry to the Oakalla grounds for surveying and design purposes.

The question of who should carry out this survey and design work has been discussed with the Municipal Engineer, who advises that his staff are fully engaged at this time on other work, and that it will be necessary to employ a Consultant. The Engineer will be recommending a suitable consultant, but in the meanwhile it is recommended: THAT COUNCIL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND PERMISSION TO ENTER OAKALLA GROUNDS BY EMPLOYING A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE THE ROAD DESIGN.

Negotiations to obtain the necessary right-of-way and related land can follow after the design and survey plans are completed. In this respect it is relevant to note that the current Capital Improvement Programme proposes construction of the road from Canada Way to Gilley Avenue in 1974, with right-of-way acquisition to precede this in 1972.

Respectfully submitted,


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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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Attachment

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5 June 1972

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Dear Mr. Parr:

Re: Property Exchange - Oakalla Acreage

Further to my letter of 25 January and our meeting in your office on 12 April when the boundaries were discussed for the acreage to be acquired by B. C. Hydro for the Municipality from Oakalla. During our meeting on 12 April you gave me a revised copy of F 2117-A showing an acreage of 139.25 acres and explained the acreage had been increased because of the possibility of changes as a result of the final engineering. At that time you felt the Municipality could employ consultants to prepare the design on the road if we were unable to have a change in the boundary as outlined on your original plan F 2117-A prepared 28 May 1970, which has been used in our negotiations to acquire 100 acres. The week following our meeting I delivered a copy of the plan to Victoria and it was clearly stated that it would not be possible at this time to increase the area to be acquired beyond the agreed 100 acres. As a result of this discussion, I have been informed that we could make arrangements with the Warden's office for a Municipal consultant to go into Oakalla and prepare the necessary engineering.

On Wednesday of last week I had a meeting with Mr. Gibbs, Business Manager for the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre and Mr. Prior who is Forman of Work. The following tentative arrangements have been made with Mr. Gibbs:

1. The Municipality will arrange for someone to do the engineering of the road.
2. The responsible party for the engineering group will contact Mr. Gibbs who will supply details of information that is required for security purposes.

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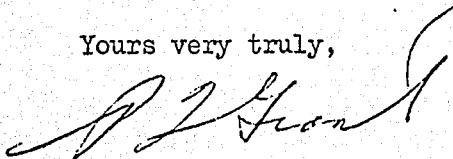
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3. Mr. Gibbs will then check the necessary security and make arrangements for personnel and vehicle passes.

I hope that it will be possible for you to proceed with a consultant even though the Municipal staff is on strike at present. During my discussion with Messrs. Gibbs and Prior; it was apparent that the ideal time to do this work would be during the coming summer season.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Yours very truly,



P. Irvine Grant,
Manager,
Industrial Development Department.

cc: Mr. J. D. Gibbs
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