

20. Re: Letter dated July 7, 1972, Mr. Norman Chin,
1833 Holdom Avenue,
Request for Second Sidewalk Crossing

The Engineer advises that it has been our policy to limit approvals for circular driveways to properties with at least a 70' frontage and with enough front yard to park the vehicle clear of the required front yard set-back.

In the case of this particular request, any vehicle parked on the circular driveway, and these driveways do become parking areas, would be parked in the required 25' front yard.

The proposed street improvement will be a 36' standard which will accommodate two moving lanes of traffic and two parking lanes. With such a standard, backing into the street should be no worse on this road than on a similar street. While this does not resolve the problem, it is a factor which must be considered.

The majority of homes on Holdom Avenue between Halifax Street and the Lougheed Highway gain access by way of the rear lane. The Engineer notes that the homes mentioned in the applicant's letter as having loop driveways, have constructed these driveways without permits. Following Council's directions, we have, where these crossings service an existing legal parking area, provided dual crossings to existing driveways.

In the case of the applicant, he does have a legal carport but not an existing loop driveway.

Under these circumstances, the Engineer has in the past refused the loop driveway.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT approval for a loop driveway be denied.