

7. Re: Flooding in the Fraser River Area
(Item 21, Report No. 50, August 14, 1972)

Council last dealt with the subject matter on August 14, 1972. Council at that time considered a letter received from Mr. Tom Goode, M.P., then member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta riding of the Federal Government. Mr. Goode was referring to Council enquiries received from two constituents who expressed concern over "building a floodgate at the end of Byrne Road" in the Big Bend Area.

The Engineer's report (Item 21, Report No. 50, August 14, 1972) dealt with the fact that the subject Big Bend area was covered in a prior application to the Provincial and Federal governments for assistance in the construction of dykes, floodgates and pumps along the Fraser River under the Fraser River Flood Control Program. Subsequently, on August 15, 1972, the Clerk wrote to Mr. Goode transmitting our concern over our application not having received to date at that time any substantive reception by the two governments. Council asked Mr. Goode to use his good offices in going into the matter of the application to see what could be done to provide further consideration to the application.

Mr. Goode in a letter to the Clerk dated September 7, 1972, advised that "I have now received a reply from Mr. Rosenberg, Head of the Fraser River Flood Control Program, with reference to the need for construction of dykes, pumps and floodgates along the Fraser River.

Mr. Rosenberg informs me that the Joint Program Committee has agreed to review your application a second time in order to see whether change in the priority given to the project is warranted. This review should be completed within the next week. As soon as I receive further word from Mr. Rosenberg, I shall be in touch with you again."

Since the time of writing to Mr. Goode, the Engineering Department has considered ways and means of approaching the potential problem in the Big Bend Area on at least a partial "go-it-alone" approach, and some thoughts as to how this might be embarked upon have been developed. However, before providing all of the details inherent in an individual approach to the problem the Engineer recommends that we should once more attempt to obtain an up-to-date assessment of our application.

Because the Municipality does not have a direct relationship with Ottawa, but rather refers matters of a Municipal nature to Victoria, it is appropriate that a request for an up-to-date status on our application be referred to the Provincial government.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Clerk be instructed to request an up-to-date assessment of our application from the Provincial government; and

THAT a copy of this report and all prior related correspondence on this matter be sent to Mr. J. Reynolds, the present M.P. for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta riding, so that he can become fully apprised of the Municipality's interest in obtaining a higher priority on the construction of dykes, floodgates and pumps along the Fraser River under the Fraser River Flood Control Program; and

THAT a copy of this report item be forwarded to all of Burnaby's M.J.A.'s.