

14. Re: Letter from Mr. C. B. Pritchard, C.A., Dated October 25, 1972
Development of Footpaths Adjacent to Creeks

Appearing on the Agenda for the October 30, 1972 meeting of Council was the following inquiry from Mr. C. B. Pritchard, C.A.:

"Walks along the creeks

At the Council meeting on Monday, Alderwoman Lawson inquired about a projected footpath along Still Creek.

Could I also inquire about the possibility of providing paths along other creeks in Burnaby or, at the very least, protecting the right of way of the creeks through private property so that they are not blocked in any way.

A case in point is the creek which runs in the 8100 block between Government Road and Hunter Street. It is possible to walk by the side of the creek from Government almost to Hunter at which point one must climb a pile of sawdust to get into a private driveway.

Perhaps these footpaths could be provided through a Local Initiatives Grant.

Such footpaths are jealously guarded in England and I feel they would soon be very much appreciated here if we had them."

Following is a reply from the Parks and Recreation Department:

- "1. Future land acquisition proposals will ensure ownership and control over the major water courses.
2. Future development plans propose the installation of walking and riding trails along the creeks.
3. Some smaller water courses could be acquired and established as green buffer strips and walkway links through residential areas to public parks or the walking and riding trails.
4. Still Creek walkway is still under consideration by the Planning Department. To date, all preliminary plan approvals have been issued with sufficient set-backs to allow for a walkway.

The Watercourse which Mr. Pritchard refers to in his letter is a very minor watercourse in the 8000 block (there is no creek or stream in the 8100 block). It appears that this watercourse has been incorporated into a neighbouring subdivision, and therefore traverses private property. The Parks and Recreation Administrator did not attempt to examine the pile of sawdust mentioned in Mr. Pritchard's letter because such an endeavor would require trespassing on privately owned property. The Parks and Recreation Department has no plans of acquiring property which includes the creek in question."

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Pritchard.