

21. Re: Letter from Mrs. L. Chapman, 6349 Frederick Avenue
Boulevard Tree Planting.

With respect to the general subject of boulevard tree planting and "green belts", the staff has under discussion at the present time the question of developing a policy for planting of trees on boulevards with particular reference to Burris Street. We are sure that a general policy respecting boulevard tree planting will come out of this.

With respect to the general subject of curb sidewalks as opposed to separated sidewalks, the Engineering Department has made many submissions over the years to the Municipal Manager with the acceptance by the Municipal Council of Item #17, Municipal Manager's Report #61, 1966, dated October 31, 1966, which report fully discussed the subject of curb sidewalks and separated sidewalks; and the Municipal Clerk's memo of November 4, 1966, confirms the acceptance of this report by the Municipal Council. It is also important to note that numerous local improvement works have been approved by the Council since that date, all, with rare exception, calling for curb sidewalks.

Late in 1971, at the request of the Chairman of the Capital Improvement Program Committee, the Engineer filed a report with the Committee outlining primarily the considerations of cost involved for each of the two standards of construction. This information was received by the Committee and there has been no consideration given to date to changing the standards from curb sidewalks.

There are advantages and disadvantages to both types of construction. The problem of maintenance of a separate grassed area is a difficult one to overcome because there seems to be a reluctance on the part of many to cross over a sidewalk to mow the boulevard area, whereas if the boulevard area is adjacent to the property, the owner will normally mow it without a second thought. Visually you might have a more appealing street with a separated boulevard and undoubtedly those that want this type of construction will mow it, but unfortunately these people are generally in a minority. The subject is very complex and there are many other pros and cons that could be enumerated.

It should also be noted that the Council has developed a policy for cost sharing of sidewalks in subdivisions and this policy is confined to curb sidewalks which pretty well indicates that the only standard of sidewalk being considered is curb sidewalks.

Mrs. Chapman makes reference to 14th Avenue which was curbed and widened in 1971. In the Engineer's opinion the argument as to whether the trees could have been saved had we instituted a policy of separating the curb and sidewalk is purely academic inasmuch as he does not believe the trees could have been saved in any event. The trees were quite old and there is no doubt in his mind that the root structure would have had to be severely pruned back for either curb and/or sidewalk construction, in which event he is sure the trees would have died. It is our policy to replace trees that are removed in conjunction with a street widening project, and through discussion with Mrs. Thorpe on 14th Avenue, we have made arrangements to replace the trees. The Parks Department will be carrying out this work as soon as the weather and their work schedule permit.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to Mrs. Chapman.

BY-LAW CORRESPONDENCE

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 31, 1972

FROM MR. W. L. STIRLING, MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

TO MUNICIPAL CLERK:

RE "BURNABY SECURITY ISSUING BY-LAW NO. 2, 1970, AMENDMENT BY-LAW 1972" (#6041)

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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DEPARTMENT:

DATE: Jan. 27, 1972.

FROM: SOLICITOR

DEPARTMENT:

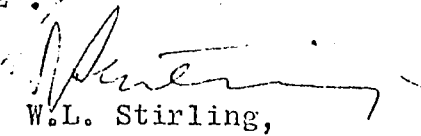
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SUBJECT: BY-LAW NO. 6041 - "BURNABY UNEXPENDED FUNDS
BY-LAW NO. 1, 1972".

YOUR FILE #

This by-law received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities pursuant to the provisions of section 283(3) of the Municipal Act on January 26, 1972 and may now be finally adopted.

The Inspector has changed the name assigned to the by-law. It is now known as "Burnaby Unexpended Funds By-Law No. 1, 1972" instead of "Burnaby Security Issuing By-Law No. 2, 1970, Amendment By-Law 1972".


W.L. Stirling,
MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

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