ITEM 20

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 3

COUNCH MEETING Jan. 15/73

20. Re: Local Improvement Program
13th Street between Thirteenth and Ethel Avenues

The Engineer has received a letter dated December 21, 1972 from R.F. Macfarlane of the legal firm of Macfarlane, Ewachniuk, Scardina and McKenzie, agents for the owners of Lot 51, a Strata Titles complex. Mr. Macfarlane advised the Engineer as follows:

"We have your letter of November 17th, 1972 in reply to ours of November 8, 1972.

"Would you be kind enough to let us know the possibilities of either constructing 13th Street between Thirteenth and Ethel Avenues or closing it off entirely.

"Presently, considerable traffic travels over this closed road in and out of the complex immediately to the north. This traffic in the summer causes heavy dust."

Thirteenth and Ethel Avenues are approved projects in the Stage II Local Improvement Program, and will be constructed during 1973. At present, 13th Street as shown on the attached sketch is an unconstructed road allowance. Traffic from the Strata Titles complex is using it as an outlet in its present state, which accounts for the dust problem in the summer. The Engineer discussed the questions relating to either constructing or closing it with the Planning Department. The conclusion reached was that it should be constructed to assist traffic circulation in the area.

In view of the policy of assessing abutting properties for only 66 feet, and since such assessment is already applicable on Thirteenth and Ethel Avenues, there would be no recovery to the Municipality if the work was financed by Local Improvement means, i.e., the entire cost of the project would be borne by the Municipality, regardless of the source of funds, and since the cost of the work is not great, it can be financed by cash rather than borrowing funds.

The Engineer recommends the construction of 13th Street from Thirteenth Avenue to Ethel Avenue, with 5 foot curb sidewalks on both sides, and 28 feet of pavement in conjunction with similar works already approved for Thirteenth and Ethel Avenues, at an estimated cost of \$5,000, chargeable to Special Roads Projects Code 15-06 with funds transferred from Contingency Code 15-11.

## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT 13th Street between Thirteenth and Ethel Avenues be constructed with 28 foot pavement and 5 foot curb sidewalks on both sides, at an estimated cost of \$5,000 chargeable to Special Roads Projects Code 15-06, with funds transferred from Contingency Code 15-11.

