

16. Re: Letter dated October 30, 1973 from Mr. R.S. MacDonell  
213 Columbia Street, New Westminster, B. C.  
(a) Connection between Stormont Interchange of the Freeway  
and McBride Boulevard at 10th Avenue.  
(b) North Road from Highway 401 to Brunette River

Appearing on the Agenda for the November 19, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. R.S. MacDonell, Manager of the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce, regarding the status of (a) the connection between Stormont Interchange of the Freeway and McBride Boulevard at 10th Avenue and (b) the possible widening of North Road from Highway 401 to Brunette River. Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding these matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. R.S. MacDonell.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
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- SUBJECT: (a) CONNECTION BETWEEN STORMONT INTERCHANGE OF FREEWAY  
AND MCBRIDE BOULEVARD AT 10TH AVENUE  
(b) NORTH ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 401 TO BRUNETTE RIVER

In reviewing the specific queries raised by the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce, the Planning Department would advise as follows:

1. In connection with the third paragraph of the Chamber's letter, Cariboo Road traffic both north and southbound will not be interrupted because the arterial road linking the Stormont Interchange to the Lougheed Highway at Gaglardi Way is proposed to overpass Cariboo Road immediately south of the Brunette River. The alignment of the latter "collector" street would be reconstructed by the Province to allow the Provincial arterial connection to pass over, on one structure, Cariboo Road, the Brunette River and the park-trail system. It should be noted that the current Cariboo Road - Stormont Avenue - Trans Canada Highway connection exists by default because of the incompleted links in the Provincial highway network. Once the above-mentioned link from the Trans Canada Highway to the Lougheed at Gaglardi Way is completed, there will be no direct connection between the Provincial arterial and Cariboo Road.
2. Concerning the future of North Road, we would advise that North Road widening between the Trans Canada Highway and Brunette Creek has been under discussion by staff, and is included in the current 5 year Capital Improvement Program. Planning Department staff are currently reviewing the widening requirements and shortly will be preparing more detailed sketches for further discussions with the many agencies involved, including other Burnaby Municipal departments, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Department of Highways, Burlington Northern Railway, and Greater Vancouver Regional District.

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At the recent meeting between Burnaby and the Minister of Highways it was stated that the Provincial view is that the link is not needed for Provincial traffic, and that the majority of use would be for local Burnaby traffic. For this reason, although the Province would not construct it, the Province would have no objection to construction by the Municipality.

Following considerable debate, the Province confirmed the view that it does not agree with the proposal to connect Stormont Interchange to McBride Avenue, but did agree that information on traffic counts should be exchanged and that Provincial and Municipal staff should work together to clarify the question of who would make use of the route in question.

It is assumed that the costs of a joint study would be shared equally by the Province and the Municipality, and that if the study shows that the majority of traffic use will be for inter-municipal arterial traffic, that the question of responsibility for the route will be the subject of further discussion.

The suggestion was also made that Canada Way could be declassified once its arterial function was replaced by a Stormont Interchange - McBride Boulevard connection. It is assumed that the Province would agree to this if the study referred to above, shows that the majority of traffic using Canada Way is arterial traffic destined for points outside Burnaby.

Respectfully submitted,



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