

ITEM 19
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 55
COUNCIL MEETING July 23/73

19. Re: Letter and Petition dated July 12, 1973
Mr. W. Goodwin, 4533 Barker Avenue
Road and Street Lighting Improvements

Appearing on the Agenda for the July 23, 1973, Council meeting is a letter and petition dated July 12, 1973, from Mr. W. Goodwin, 4533 Barker Avenue, asking when certain road and street lighting improvements are going to be made.

The following is the report dated July 19, 1973, from the Municipal Engineer in response to this communication.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT the report be received; and
- THAT a copy of this report item be forwarded to Mr. Goodwin and he be asked to notify the petitioners of its content.

Engineering Department
19 July, 1973.

Mr. M.J. Shelley
MUNICIPAL MANAGER.

Dear Sir:

Re: 4400 to 4600 Blocks, inclusive, Barker Avenue --
Petition Received from Mr. W. Goodwin and Others

The Engineering Department had already replied directly to Mr. Goodwin concerning his petition without fully realizing that his letter was addressed to the Mayor and Council. Therefore, in spite of the fact that Mr. Goodwin already has the required information, we are nevertheless keeping Council advised as to the answers to Mr. Goodwin's queries.

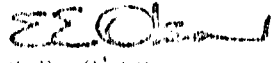
The subject portion of Barker Avenue is scheduled to receive storm drainage installations this year as part of our Drainage By-law. To this end, Barker Avenue will be in one of the next two storm sewer tender calls expected to be out onto the market within three to four weeks. The street improvements to which reference is made in the petition are included in the current draft of our proposed Local Improvement Program for 1974.

Mr. Goodwin's petition makes reference to not considering sidewalks as essential. It is the intention of both the Engineering and Planning Departments to report to Council at its meeting of 30 July, 1973, concerning standards for local improvements in general and it is felt that the Council should consider those reports on standards before attempting to determine which standard may be the most suitable for Barker Avenue. As a matter of fact, the make-up of the entire 1974 Local Improvement Program will be centered around any decisions arising from consideration of the above-mentioned reports by Council.

With regard to the removal of Hydro poles from the streets, we can only advise that there is little hope of any action to that end in the foreseeable future inasmuch as the cost of placing electrical and telephone distribution lines underground is prohibitive at the present time. It is hoped and considered that the day will come when an overall program, aimed at provision of underground throughout the urban areas, is undertaken, but it will be a venture of considerable magnitude. In the meantime, the best we can do is to work around the pole lines, and in general, recognize and allow provision for future underground works within the existing road allowances.

This is for the information of Council.

Respectfully submitted,


E.E. Olson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER