

9. Re: Walkway between Paulus Crescent and Cliff Avenue
(Item 12, Report 19, March 12, 1973)

The Council received a report on March 12, 1973 relating to the above matter.

It was mentioned at the meeting that boys on bicycles had been struck by motor vehicles while travelling on the walkway. The Superintendent of the Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P., was asked to indicate whether this did occur, either on the walkway itself or on the lanes/streets nearby.

Superintendent Lambert advises as follows:

"With reference to interoffice communication from the Deputy Municipal Clerk dated March 14, 1973 and to previous correspondence in this regard, I wish to advise that our records have been checked and we have no report of accidents on the above walkway itself or on the lanes or streets nearby involving pedestrians or bicycles during 1972 to March 15, 1973.

It is possible that a minor accident occurred involving boys on bicycles which was not reported by the persons involved. "

The Municipal Manager asked the Municipal Engineer if any crosswalk signs had been installed in the lane to attempt to provide some protection for those using the walkway and crossing the lane. The Municipal Engineer advises that pedestrian crosswalk signs were installed in the lane on each side of the walkway on February 16, 1973. We have used this method, in the past, at other walkway crossings on lanes to inform the motorist of the possibility of conflict with a pedestrian. We have not painted crosswalks on the lane pavement, however, as we felt that this could encourage pedestrians to dart into the lane.

Report Item #12 was tabled pending the receipt of the report from the R.C.M.P. noted above. After reviewing this material and being advised by the Municipal Engineer that crosswalk signs have been installed, the Manager sees no reason to change his recommendation included in Item #12, Report No. 19.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the subject walkway be retained; and

THAT a copy of this report together with a copy of Item 12, Report No. 19, March 12, 1973, be sent to Mrs. McDonald and Superintendent Lambert, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P.