

ITEM 23
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 88
COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 26/73

23. Re: Letter dated October 29, 1973 from Mr. T.A. Tait
2360 Carman Place, North Vancouver, B. C.
Preliminary Plan Approval Application No. 2401
(Item 18, Report 84, November 13, 1973)
(Item 14, Report 86, November 19, 1973)

Mr. T.A. Tait appeared before Council on November 19, 1973 relative to his appeal against a decision of the Municipal Engineer to not permit vehicular access to Douglas Road at 1775 Douglas Road. At that meeting, Council deferred action in order to allow its members an opportunity to inspect the situation on the site. Council also raised the question as to whether or not the Municipality could enforce a sign prohibiting a back-in maneuver at the subject site.

Following is the report dated November 23, 1973 from the Municipal Engineer with regard to the matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council ratify the Municipal Engineer's decision to deny vehicular access from Douglas Road as requested by Mr. T.A. Tait; and

THAT a copy of this report be provided to Mr. T.A. Tait.

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November 23, 1973.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
RE: PRELIMINARY PLAN APPROVAL APPLICATION No. 2401

At the Council Meeting of 19 November, 1973, the subject of a vehicle crossing to Douglas Road for the captioned property was discussed. The question was raised that a possible remedy to a back-in maneuver would be to post a sign prohibiting the same. We have checked with the Solicitor and he advises that, under our Streets and Traffic By-law, the Engineer has the authority to erect the necessary signing to control traffic on the municipal streets. However, the Solicitor agrees with Engineering that the enforcement of such signing would be so difficult that it would probably negate any value in such a course of action. We also feel that once reliance has been put on signing as an answer to servicing a difficult site, it would be difficult to refuse the same treatment to other developments of a similar difficult type of site.

Another suggestion raised in Council was that the developer could install a drop-bar across the driveway that would only open on detection from a vehicle leaving the lot. As such a device would be controlled and maintained by the owner, there would be no guarantee that it would be kept in operational condition. We can not recommend that the Municipality become involved in the installation of such a device.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council adopt the recommendation contained in Item #14, Manager's Report No. 86, Council Meeting of November 12, 1973; namely, that Council ratify the Municipal Engineer's decision to deny vehicular access to Douglas Road from 1775 Douglas Road.

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