

17. Re: Construction of Sidewalks Adjacent to Railway Crossings
Of the B.C. Hydro Central Park Line

An inquiry regarding the feasibility of constructing asphalt sidewalks adjacent to the B.C. Hydro Central Park Line railway crossings was made during the meeting of Council on April 24, 1973.

The Municipal Engineer has met with representatives of B.C. Hydro Railway in the New Westminster area regarding permission to construct the subject sidewalks. Railway representatives advised that no foreseeable problems would result from such construction, except that flange rails would first have to be installed by the railway at the Municipality's expense and that all subsequent construction and maintenance costs would have to be borne entirely by the Municipality.

The total estimated cost of installing flange rails and constructing sidewalks adjacent to the following crossings is \$3,600:

- Wilson Avenue - east side only.
- Kathleen Avenue - west side only.
- McKay Avenue - both sides.
- Telford Avenue - east side only.
- Sussex Avenue - both sides.
- Macpherson Avenue - west side only.
- Buller Avenue - west side only.
- Gilley Avenue - (north set of tracks)
west side only.

Some streets that cross railway tracks already have an asphalt walk and at others no improvement is considered necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT approval be given to have flange rails installed by B.C. Hydro Railway, and to have asphalt sidewalks adjacent to the subject crossings constructed by the Municipality, subject to the condition that the costs associated with the installation of flange rails and construction of sidewalks and future maintenance work be borne by the Municipality; and

THAT the estimated total cost of providing sidewalks adjacent to the subject crossings in the amount of \$3,600 be charged to Code 15-06, Special Roads Projects, with an appropriation from the Capital Improvement Programme Contingency Budget to cover.