

10. Re: Petition from Residents of Willard Street
From Marine Drive to Trapp Road
Series of Complaints

Appearing on the Agenda for the Council meeting of July 30, 1973 is a petition signed by the residents of Willard Street from Marine Drive to Trapp Road "demanding" quick action on improvement of Willard Street. The petition refers to four specific "demands" and the Engineer's comments on each are as follows:

1. We want Burnaby to resurface Willard Street from Marine Drive to Trapp Road.

"If any monies remain in the current resurfacing budget at the end of this year's works, which should be completed in August, we will approach Council for approval to use this surplus to resurface in part or all of Willard Street. If there is no surplus, we will place this project on the 1974 list of resurfacing works."

2. We want a resurface on the sidewalk for the safety of the school children when going to school each day. The road has only one lane each way and traffic is heavy so the children have to walk on the sidewalk.

"We have instructed our work forces to do a maintenance check on the existing chip walk."

3. We demand a 20 m.p.h. speed limit for all Commercial trucks right away.

"The subject of limiting trucks to a 20 m.p.h. limit on Willard Street was considered at the last meeting of the Traffic and Safety Committee. It was the majority opinion that a 20 m.p.h. limit on only trucks would result in a hazardous condition due to the passing of cars which could do 30 m.p.h. The item, however, is still under review by the Committee."

4. We demand all the horse riders off the road right away especially off the sidewalks.

"Under Section 2A of the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw, no person is allowed to ride a horse on a sidewalk."

As noted, it is not yet illegal to ride a horse on the travelled portion of a roadway with the exception of Avalon Avenue. We could ask the R.C.M.P. to enforce the Bylaw as far as horses riding on the sidewalk in the area is concerned. It is not possible to resolve the question of littering by horses.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT a copy of this report item be forwarded to the Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. for whatever action he might be able to take with respect to point number 4 involving the riding of horses on sidewalks; and

THAT a copy of this report item be forwarded to the petitioners.