

ITEM 14

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 17

COUNCIL MEETING Mar. 5/73

14. Re: Letter from J. C. Todman and D. J. Oaks
Drainage Conditions at Howard Avenue and Heathdale Court

Appearing on the Agenda for the March 5, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter dated February 14, 1973, from J.C. Todman and D.J. Oaks regarding drainage conditions at Howard Avenue and Heathdale Court.

The Engineer has investigated the subject drainage conditions and advises as follows:

"As the result of complaints regarding the condition of the pavement and drainage on Heathdale Court and Howard Avenue, as outlined in a petitioners' letter dated 14 February, 1973, a personal inspection was made this date in the company of the General Superintendent for the purpose of determining whether or not the Corporation by its action or lack of action has in any way caused a drainage problem on the properties of the petitioners.

The inspection revealed that all streets surrounding the properties in question are constructed to a finished standard with curb and gutter and all properties are storm sewered. There is no upland undeveloped property or lane allowances draining onto the property, and in fact, no drainage is finding its way onto any of the properties from Corporation street or lane right-of-ways. In fact, the land in this area is a very heavy, saturated type of material undoubtedly fed by springs which is resulting in wet surface conditions and a resulting difficulty in landscaping. However, it is the writer's opinion that this condition is natural to the land and not caused in any way by the Corporation, and it is therefore, not recommended that the Corporation take any action in the matter. As a suggestion it is recommended that the property owners, as their own responsibility, run whatever drain tile systems are necessary inside their property to provide adequate drainage and connect the drainage systems to the storm sewer connections provided by the Corporation.

In connection with the complaint that the sub-grade and pavement is seriously breaking up on Howard Avenue between Heathdale Court and Tye Court, this is to advise that a very careful inspection was made of the pavement within this section and there is no significant problem of base failure or pavement break-up. There is evidence of extremely minimal cracking of pavement which will be attended to under normal maintenance procedures in the near future."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Municipality deny liability for the subject drainage conditions at Howard Avenue and Heathdale Court; and

THAT a copy of this report be sent to J.C. Todman and D.J. Oaks.