

ITEM 5

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 84

COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 16/74

Re: Lack of Sidewalks on Griffiths Avenue

On December 2, 1974, a matter arising under inquiries pertained to an article in The Columbian in which the following statement was made:

"Lack of sidewalks on Griffiths Ave. in Burnaby is constant annoyance to 61-year-old Charlie Mora, who lives at the corner of Griffiths and Balmoral St. near Kingsway. Sidewalk-less road forces senior citizens in the area to dodge cars on narrow, busy roadway which serves as access to Middlegate Shopping Centre. Residents say they have been given the brush-off by Burnaby engineering department."

As noted in the following report from the Municipal Engineer, his Department has no record of any requests from residents in the area for construction of a sidewalk on Griffiths Avenue. The reference to a "brush-off" therefore appears to be unfounded.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council reaffirm the rate at which local improvement work is to proceed during 1974, 1975 and 1976; and
2. THAT the Engineering Department consider the article in The Columbian as an expression of interest by residents in the area for a sidewalk on Griffiths Avenue, and be guided accordingly; and
3. THAT Mr. C. Mora and The Columbian be advised accordingly.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DECEMBER 11, 1974

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: LACK OF SIDEWALKS ON GRIFFITHS AVENUE

As you are aware the Engineering Department has, for some years, kept a log of requests for Local Improvement work. This log does not contain any record of a request for sidewalks on Griffiths Avenue.

Because of the fact that we have not, on record, any request from Griffiths Avenue and the decisions that have been made relative to the C.I. Programme, the scheduling of this work would be beyond 1977. The future scheduling of this is also dependent on whether you wish the newspaper article to be construed by the Engineering Department as a request for Local Improvement.

The Operations Division has been issued orders to take a couple shovels full of asphalt and fill the small hole on the side of the pavement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

WHEREAS the Municipal Council has approved of the Treasurer's recommendation to limit Local Improvement expenditures to the amounts indicated in the Manager's Report #17, Item 13, on March 1974, for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976, and whereas the schedule of work has been established accordingly, we recommend:

1. THAT the Municipal Council reaffirm its decision regarding the rate at which Local Improvement work will proceed,
2. THAT the Engineering Department insert Griffiths Avenue in the log,
3. THAT Mr. C. Mora be advised accordingly.

VMT:wlh

  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER