

ITEM 4
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 69
COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 21/74

Re: Letter dated October 11, 1974 from Mrs. Mona M. Stevens
5786 Portland Street, Burnaby
Construction of a Cul-de-Sac on Portland Street

Appearing on the Agenda for the October 21, 1974 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. Mona M. Stevens regarding construction of a cul-de-sac on Portland Street.

Council during consideration of this matter on September 30 adopted a recommendation to have the subject cul-de-sac and an adjacent retaining wall constructed as designed.

The following report from the Municipal Engineer is in reply to Mrs. Stevens' correspondence dated October 11.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council re-affirm their decision of September 30, 1974, to construct the turn around on Portland Street as designed; and

THAT Mrs. M. Stevens be provided with a copy of this report.

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17 October, 1974

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: 1974 L.I.P. - PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN McPHERSON AVENUE
AND THE RAVINE EAST OF McPHERSON AVENUE

This report is in response to a suggestion by Mrs. M.M. Stevens of 5786 Portland Street to have the proposed cul-de-sac relocated further east so as to provide more than one parking stall on her frontage without parking in the cul-de-sac and "...the entrance to the dwelling would be improved very much".

As noted in Mrs. Stevens' letter, any relocation to the east would involve filling in the ravine area. Such an operation includes clearing, stabilizing newly-created fill slopes, and quite possibly enclosing a portion of the watercourse in order to prevent fill from spilling into it.

Any one of the above operations would preclude the retention of the many natural features one may associate with a passive type ravine park and, as such, would be contrary to the current policy of the Parks Commission and Council to preserve such parks in their most natural setting.

Both the Planning and Parks Departments strongly recommend against any filling beyond the present and proposed road-end, on the grounds of preserving the natural features of this ravine park.

Construction has commenced, but Mrs. Stevens was advised by telephone about the contents of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council re-affirm their decision of 30 September, 1974, to construct the turn around on Portland Street as designed; and

THAT Mrs. M. Stevens be provided with a copy of this report.

Respectfully submitted,


E.E. Olson, P. Eng.
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER