

ITEM 7
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 51
COUNCIL MEETING July 22/74

Re: Letter dated July 5, 1974 from Mr. B. John Watson
4578 Parker Street
Request for the Seeding of a Boulevard

Appearing on the Agenda for the July 22, 1974 meeting of Council is a request from Mr. B. John Watson to have the Municipality seed a boulevard on Alpha Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. B. John Watson be sent a copy of this report.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

JULY 12, 1974

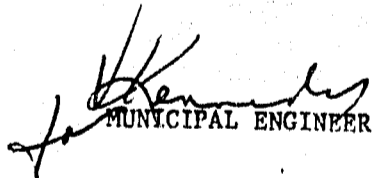
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: REQUEST FOR SEEDING OF BOULEVARD - B. JOHN WATSON, 4578 PARKER STREET.

It has been and still is policy of Municipal Council throughout the years that reseeded and maintenance of boulevards following Local Improvement works is done by the property owner. Such policy was reviewed and confirmed by Council September 4, 1973 - Manager's report #66, item 18 (copy attached). Since that date property owners have been advised that boulevard areas requiring restoration will be covered with a minimum of 4" of topsoil and "It is then expected that the property owner will provide grass seed and spread it to produce a grass surface which the property owner will maintain". The L.I.P. work in 4500 Block Parker was performed prior to September, 1973.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. B. John Watson be advised of the Corporation's policy regarding seeding of boulevards and sent a copy of this report.


MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

CRW:pkm

cc: () Municipal Clerk

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 MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 66
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18. Re: Grass Planting on Boulevards
Local Improvement Projects

During the meeting of Council on August 20, 1973, an inquiry was made regarding responsibility for reseeding boulevard areas following the installation of curbs or curb sidewalks as a local improvement. A related comment concerned the feasibility of having the Municipality provide abutting property owners with grass seed.

For the information of new members of Council, the restoration of the boulevard area behind the curb or sidewalk on the public right-of-way has been limited to the supply and spreading of topsoil ready for the property owner to reseed. It has never been a policy to reseed the boulevard area as the acceptance of responsibility for reseeding would be followed by the responsibility for watering and maintaining the area until a good catch of grass had been accomplished. The Engineering Department is currently not staffed to do this work. It is much more readily accomplished by abutting property owners. In addition, Local Improvement Section 610 of the Municipal Act provides that when work is undertaken by the Municipality, it must be maintained during its lifetime and kept in repair by the Municipality. It would therefore follow that if the Municipality took this additional step of seeding boulevards behind walks, Section 610 would come into effect. There is also the problem that sidewalk construction often causes owners to rebuild the lawns or landscaping on their own properties, especially when the sidewalk is at an elevation different to abutting properties.

Careful thought has been given to the suggestion that affected owners be handed a package of grass seed. In the opinion of the Engineer, this gesture might backfire. There may be problems concerning the quality and quantity of the grass seed concerned and, of course, there is the matter of staff time involved in dispensing the seed.

Under the circumstances, especially in view of the fact that very few enquiries are received in the Engineering Department on this subject, it is recommended that no action be taken in the matter.

This is for the information of Council.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OTTAWA
 INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION SEP 06 1973

TO: Municipal Engineer DEPARTMENT:
 FROM: Deputy Municipal Clerk DEPARTMENT:
 SUBJECT: Boulevards

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Further to my letter of August 23rd concerning boulevard maintenance, I would now advise that Council on September 4th received the attached report relating to the matter.

The Council did, however, direct that property owners abutting Local Improvement works which are being undertaken be notified that the maintenance of the boulevard adjacent their property is their responsibility.

E. Ward
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 DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK