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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 15

COUNCIL MEETING Feb. 25/74

Re: Lougheed Highway Traffic Congestion

At the Council meeting of October 15, 1973, Alderman Mercier suggested that some remedial action be taken to alleviate traffic problems at the Lougheed Highway and Delta Avenue intersection. At that meeting, the Municipal Engineer advised Council that the Department of Highways had been asked to institute measures that would improve the situation, both at the Lougheed/Delta intersection and other parts of the Lougheed Highway. The Engineer also advised that the ultimate plan was to close Delta Avenue at Lougheed Highway to one block north (such closure is included with long-range plans but is subject to decisions regarding ultimate development of the area).

On November 26, 1973, the following report on our efforts to acquire a Provincial evaluation of traffic progression problems on Lougheed Highway was received by Council:

"On July 4, 1973, we wrote to the Senior Traffic Engineer, Department of Highways, requesting that his Department look into the present signal system along the Lougheed Highway. We expressed the opinion that the serious congestion being experienced along the Highway could be greatly alleviated if the present traffic-actuated non-interconnected signalized intersections were re-designed to provide a proper progression of traffic.

We received a reply on July 23, 1973, in which we were advised that an evaluation of the signal control along the Lougheed Highway would be undertaken as soon as their present heavy load of signal and lighting installations eases.

While the Senior Traffic Engineer's reply was dated some four months ago, it should be appreciated that the research into this problem will be quite extensive and time-consuming. However, we felt that it would be in order to make further inquiries at this time regarding the status of their investigation and, accordingly, we have written another letter in this regard. We will keep the Municipal Council apprised of any new information or developments as they occur from time to time."

Following is a further report from the Engineer on this matter:

"We have been informed by the Department of Highways that to date they have been unable to undertake the indepth study of signal progression we requested because of an increased workload. They have also indicated that they cannot foresee just when they would be able to start on such a study. We will continue in our efforts to secure the cooperation of the Department, and will keep Council advised accordingly."

This is for the information of Council.