

Re: 1974 Local Improvement Program on Portland Street
(Item 6, Report No. 59, September 9, 1974)

ITEM 29
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 63
COUNCIL MEETING Sept. 30/74

Council on September 9, 1974 received a letter from Mrs. M. Stevens regarding the proposed Local Improvement project on Portland Street between McPherson Avenue and the ravine east of McPherson Avenue. A staff report containing a recommendation to proceed with the construction of a cul-de-sac and retaining wall, to which Mrs. Stevens is opposed, was tabled because some members of Council had not had an opportunity to inspect the area, and because staff was requested to comment on specific inquiries that were made by Council when the matter was considered on September 9, 1974.

Council received a subsequent letter from Mrs. Stevens on September 23, 1974, in which she stated specific objections to the Local Improvement work that is proposed for the street on which she resides.

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

With respect to the need for a sidewalk along the school property, we would point out that priority has always been given to sidewalks on streets abutting school properties to keep children off travelled roadways.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council approve the proposal to construct a cul-de-sac and retaining wall as designed; and

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. M. Stevens.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: 1974 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN MCPHERSON AVENUE AND THE RAVINE EAST OF MCPHERSON.

This report is in answer to a complaint filed by Mrs. M. M. Stevens of 5786 Portland Street.

The original local improvement initiation notice sent out in April, 1974 states that the improvement would consist of "Pavement to a width of 28 ft. with 5 ft. curb sidewalks on both sides of Portland Street east from McPherson Avenue to a point 50 ft. east of E.P.L. of Lot C, Blk. 25, D.L. 159, Plan 10726". It does not specifically mention the cul-de-sac nor does it specifically mention the design elevation of the sidewalks relative to existing conditions nor the treatment of the boulevard and the connecting entrance walks nor the possible adjustment in driveway grades nor the possible removal of trees, etc. It does however comply with Section 589(2) of the Municipal Act which states that the notice shall be sufficient if it designates "a general description of the work".

In order that each property owner may realistically assess the effect of the proposed improvement, the Engineering Department has a complete set of design drawings available for viewing and/or discussion at the time of initiation. It would be extremely impractical to list on the initiative notice all the design details pertinent to each lot.

The turn around as shown on the attached drawing was designed to provide a turning facility within the existing street allowance which would preclude the use of private driveways. This was felt to be a valid feature designed to benefit the residents on Portland Street east of McPherson.

With regard to the continuation of Portland Street to the east, the Planning Department have advised us that they approve of the proposed turn around as it is not proposed to extend Portland to the east because of future planning related to the Clinton School site.

The other points raised in Mrs. Stevens' letter regarding vandalism, illicit use of the turn around, traffic violations etc. would be a matter of law enforcement by the police.

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At present the Contractor has been advised that he cannot proceed with any further construction in front of 5786 Portland Street until the matter of the turn around is resolved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

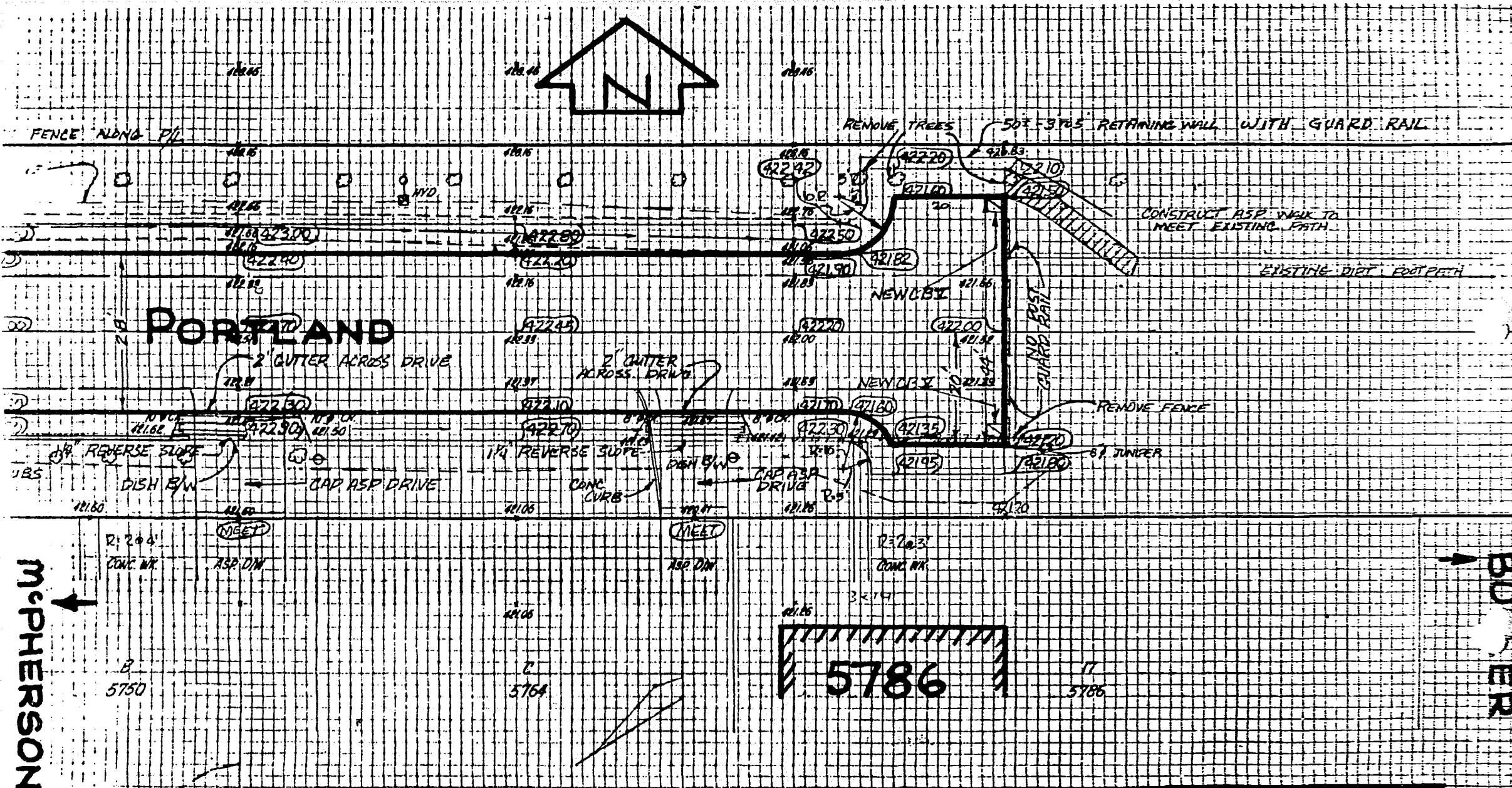
THAT Council approve the proposal to construct a turn around on Portland Street as designed, and

THAT Mrs. M. Stevens be advised of the contents of this report.

for U. Kennedy
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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cc: () Design Engineer
() Director of Planning



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