

Re: Letter (undated), received July 22, 1974 from Mrs. M. Hedich,
#20 - 9202 Horne Street/And Petition (undated) from Mrs. Chaust & Others
Traffic Hazards at Government Road and Keswick Avenue Intersection

Appearing on the Agenda for the August 6, 1974 meeting of Council is a letter from Mrs. H. Hedich with respect to a pot-hole on Government Road, the narrow width of Keswick Avenue, and sight obstruction at the subject intersection (see attached sketch). Also included with the Agenda is a list of petitioners who consider that the intersection is hazardous.

The O.i/c, R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment, advises that, although the matter is essentially of an engineering nature rather than one of law enforcement, the subject location will continue to receive the attention of R.C.M.P. Traffic patrols.

Following is the report of the Municipal Engineer which defines corrective action already taken, and recommends that "No Parking Anytime" signs be installed on the east side of Keswick Avenue from Government Road to Horne Street. With installation of the sign, both sides of the road will be so posted and will provide for easy passing of two vehicles on the street.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT "No Parking Anytime" signs be posted along the east side of Keswick Avenue from Government Road to Horne Street; and

THAT Mrs. M. Hedich and the petitioners be provided with a copy of this report.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

July 30, 1974

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: GOVERNMENT ROAD & KESWICK AVENUE

Reference the petition submitted by Mrs. M. Hedich regarding traffic hazards at the intersection of Government Road and Keswick Avenue.

On the submission of Mrs. Hedich there is reference to three items upon which action is being requested.

- (1) A pot-hole westbound on Government.
- (2) The narrow width of Keswick.
- (3) Tree growth obstructing vision at Government and Keswick.

The following action has been taken on the above items:

- (1) The pot-hole referred to was at the north edge of the Government Road pavement just east of Keswick Avenue. This pot-hole was located in a position that vehicles turning into Keswick Avenue would often drop their rear wheel into the hole. This hole has now been filled with asphalt.
- (2) The narrow width of Keswick Avenue.
The legal right-of-way for Keswick Avenue between Government Road and Horne Street is 66 feet. Within the easterly portion of this 66 right-of-way is a 20' asphalt cap pavement. The existing homes on the east side of Keswick have extended their lawns right to the pavement edge while on the west side of the pavement half of the length of Keswick is undeveloped with bush to the pavement edge and where developed, the lawns extend to the pavement edge.

As the density of development increased, so did the parking of cars on the adjacent streets. We found that residents and workmen in the area were parking on both sides of the 20' Keswick pavement, a condition that was making it very difficult to drive down Keswick.

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To resolve this problem we posted a "No Parking Anytime" ban on the west side of Keswick Avenue on the 13 March 1974. Although we have seen very few vehicles parking on the east side of Keswick, we are prepared to post a no parking restriction there to completely clear the 20' strip.

- (3) Tree growth obstructing vision at Government and Keswick. This office had received a number of complaints regarding sight problems at the subject intersection due to bush growth on the north side of Government from Keswick to the sharp bend about 100' west. Knowing that the Government Road pavement was not on centre line but was in the north portion of the right-of-way, we contacted the owner of the parcel of land on the north side of Government for permission to encroach onto his land if need be to clear away enough bush to resolve the problem. Permission to encroach onto this lot was refused.

Having been refused permission to encroach onto this private property and knowing that the property line was close to the pavement edge, we first had to establish the actual property line. This has been done and the bush has been removed from the boulevard area and the roots dug up. The strip we were able to remove is about 12 feet wide at Keswick and tapers to the pavement edge 100' west of Keswick. In addition, we had the tree growth along the west edge of the Keswick pavement cut back as it was obstructing the stop sign and our no parking signs.

While we were limited in the amount of bush that we could remove, we feel that what has been removed has been sufficient to resolve the sight problem that was the source of complaint.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a "No Parking Anytime" be posted along the east side of Keswick Avenue from Government Road to Horne Street.

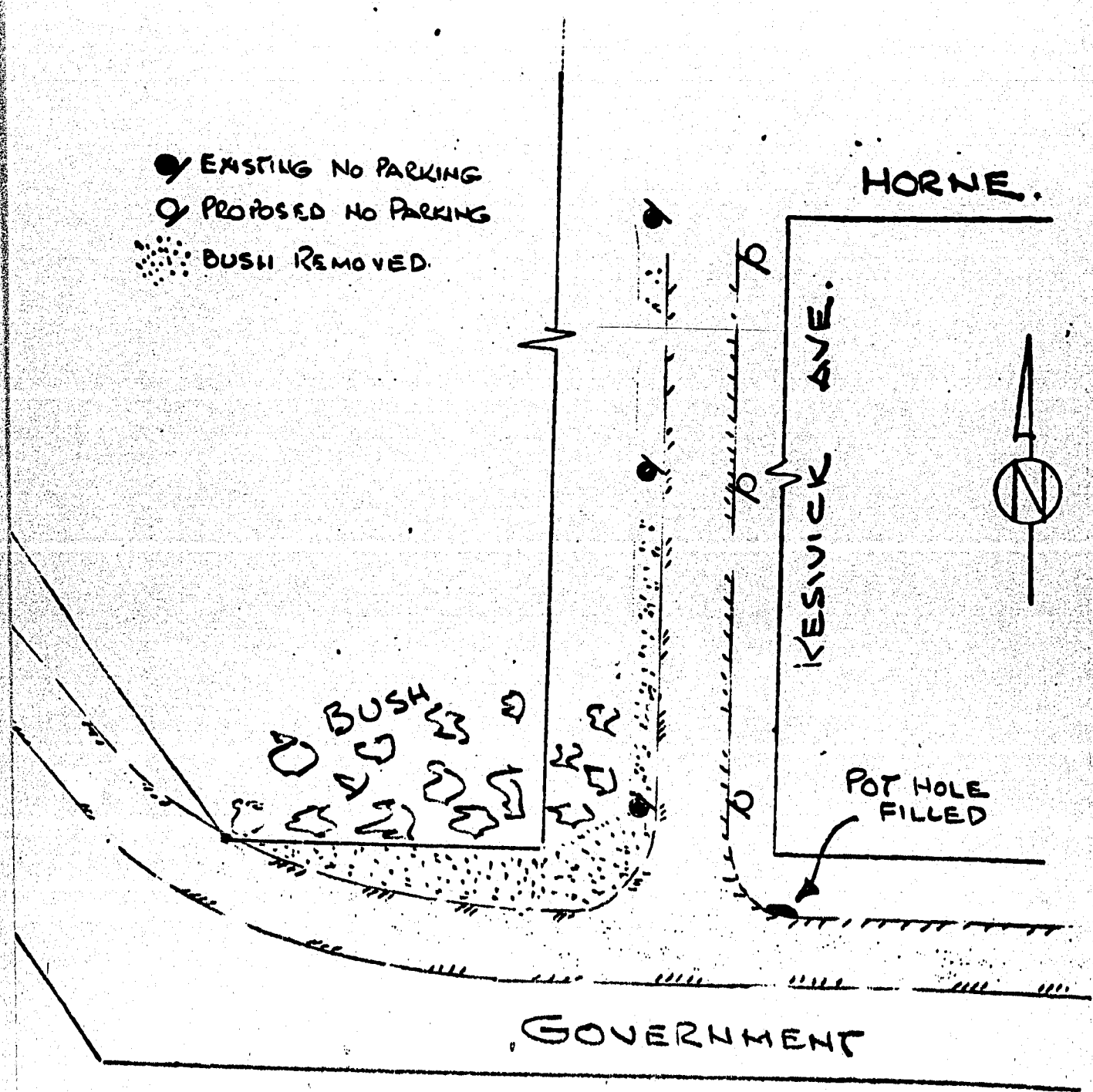
THAT Mrs. M. Hedich be sent a copy of this report.

E. C. Isaacs
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

HB:vap

cc: () Traffic Supervisor

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