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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 59

COUNCIL MEETING Sept. 22/75

Re: LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS ON BETA AVENUE FROM  
WESTLAWN DRIVE TO LANE SOUTH OF NORTHLAWN

Attached is a letter dated September 8, 1975 from Mr. H. J. Shopland regarding the subject Local Improvement Programme. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the subject portion of Beta Avenue remain in its present scheduling position; and
2. THAT Mr. H. J. Shopland be sent a copy of this report.

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17 September, 1975

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS ON BETA AVENUE FROM  
WESTLAWN DRIVE TO LANE SOUTH OF NORTHLAWN

Mr. H.J. Shopland wrote to the Municipal Engineer on 8 September, 1975, with copies to the Municipal Council and Municipal Manager, requesting that the subject works be carried out at the same time as similar works on Brentlawn.

At the Council meeting of 1 April, 1974, Council received a report from staff related to the subject work. The report was prompted by a petition presented to the Mayor and Aldermen by Mr. Shopland as spokesman for the property owners. The petition was dated 18 March, 1974, and was received by Council at the meeting of 1 April, 1974, along with the staff report. This report was tabled for further information from staff related to cost of the project, owners' and Corporation's shares and Budget Code for Corporation share. At the 16 April, 1974, Council meeting, Council, after considering the original staff report, plus the additional information, resolved to take no further action on the matter at that time, but to include the subject portion of Beta Avenue in a future Local Improvement Program after the year 1976.

Staff has followed the instructions of Council and have undertaken the necessary steps. Storm sewers and other subsurface works are scheduled for 1976. Surface works to which local improvement charges relate are scheduled to be presented in questionnaire form to the homeowners for their opinion in 1976, with the initiative notices and works scheduled for 1977.

Our reply to the points raised in Mr. Shopland's letter to the Municipal Engineer of 8 September, 1975, are as follows.

The point Mr. Kennedy made regarding costs was that this portion of Beta is relatively a very small project. Because this type of work is done by contract, it is too small to be the subject of a separate contract and, therefore, benefit from the usual economies of scale that are built into

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the Local Improvement rates structure. In addition, because of the preponderance of flankage properties the Corporation's share would be proportionally higher. Further, the initiative notice cost would be higher because it would contain only this small project. The second point of higher Corporation share gave this project a low relative priority.

Highlawn and Brentlawn works were scheduled by staff in accordance with Council's explicit instructions. The surface local improvement on Highlawn is scheduled for 1975. All necessary subsurface works were previously completed. The storm sewer on Brentlawn is scheduled for late 1975, in the next drainage contract. The local improvement surface works on Brentlawn are scheduled for early 1976. Council has just recently approved and adopted Construction By-laws for the works on Brentlawn.

On the basic subject of scheduling the Local Improvement works on Beta Avenue prior to the time as per Council's instruction, the following points should be considered.

1. The subsurface works that may be required on Beta Avenue have not been ascertained or designed.
2. Subsurface works should be scheduled in 1975 for surface works to be done in conjunction with Brentlawn, as requested by Mr. Shopland.
3. 1976 surface works have already been forwarded to the homeowners for their comments. Therefore, there would have to be a separate assessment roll, computer program and mailing for Beta.
4. Surface works "design" would have to be advanced over other previously scheduled works.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

WHEREAS Council has already instructed staff as to the scheduling of Beta, and,

WHEREAS the 1976 program has been submitted to the homeowner via a questionnaire, and,

WHEREAS it would be difficult to include the subsurface works in the 1975 works program, it is recommended

THAT the subject portion of Beta Avenue remain in its present scheduling position, and,

THAT Mr. H.J. Shopland be sent a copy of Council's decision and this report.

  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S  
OFFICE

Mr. E.E. Olsen P.Eng,  
Municipal Engineer,  
District of Burnaby,  
Municipal Hall  
4949 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On March 18th, 1974, a group of citizens petitioned the Municipal Council to have curb sidewalks and pavement installed on two short sections of Beta street which had not been done when the sidewalks were installed on Fairlawn, Westlawn, and Northlawn Drives in the Brentwood district.

At the council meeting, when our petition was considered, your representative, Mr. V. Kennedy P.Eng stated that it would be quite expensive to do them then because there would be no other sidewalk work being done in the neighbourhood. The cost estimate for the work prepared by your department for council's consideration was therefore extremely high and council accepted your recommendation to delay the work.

We see that sidewalks are presently being placed on Highlawn Drive and we understand that Brentlawn Drive has also been approved and will be done later this year. When these two streets are finished, the two short sections of Beta will be the only streets in the whole neighbourhood that will not have sidewalks.

We therefore request that the improvements requested in our petition be undertaken at the same time as the work is done on Brentlawn Drive. We are quite prepared to submit another petition if it is necessary.

Your immediate reply to this request would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*H.J. Shopland*  
H.J. Shopland

C/ Municipal Manager ✓  
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