

RE: BURNABY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND MOTORCYCLE
TRAFFIC ON PEDESTRIAN/EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 51
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At the Council meeting of June 9, 1975, an enquiry was raised as to the status of the agreements that had been sought with owners of those rights-of-way of land in Burnaby that are being used as part of our trail system.

The following is the report of the Parks and Recreation Administrator, dated July 23, 1975, regarding the above.

This is for the information of Council.

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TO: MANAGER July 23, 1975
FROM: PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR
RE: BURNABY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC
ON PEDESTRIAN/EQUESTRIAN TRAILS
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The Parks and Recreation Commission received the following report at its meeting of July 16, 1975 and directed that this be forwarded to Council for its information.

"Arising out of the above subject, Council has requested specific information from the Parks and Recreation Commission and under date of June 16th, 1975 the Municipal Clerk communicated with the Administrator as follows:

"This is to advise of the following request of Council relating to the above noted subject:

That the Parks and Recreation Commission be asked to give Council a report in reference to the agreements sought with those owners with rights-of-way of land in Burnaby that are being used as part of the Trail System, and include the date that Council might expect the report on the Use of Trails by Motorcycles which is forthcoming to Council. "

The reference is to action taken by the Administrator in 1970 when letters were written to the following groups:

Simon Fraser University
British American Oil Company Limited
B. C. Hydro
Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District
Imperial Oil Company
Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline

The request was for approval, in principle, for public use of trails which either crossed lines owned by the groups or followed easements obtained by the groups. This approval in principle was received from all concerned. Following this, the next step was to prepare detailed surveys of the trails in order that the descriptions could be included in legal agreements confirming the agreement in principle.

One of the questions to be answered was whether or not the Municipality would obtain the use for trail purposes of the entire width of any given easement or whether use would be obtained of a width of land co-incidental with the

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width of the trail. The latter alternative was adopted which called for a single line survey of the trails only and a single line survey was commenced of the trail on the Simon Fraser property. This was the only trail not included in an easement and the establishment of a single line survey would be considered a precedent to be applied later to the trails contained within easements. Due to a variety of factors the completion of this survey has been delayed and is just now nearing completion.

In the meantime the status of the trails is:

a. Simon Fraser University

The trail is open to the public and the Parks and Recreation Department carries out regular maintenance.

b. Remainder of Trails on Easements

The trails are opened to the public but no maintenance is carried out by the Parks and Recreation Department. It would appear that in each case the maintenance carried out by the Companies to keep their inspection routes open is sufficient to keep the trails free for public use.

The report on the use of trails by motorcycles is to be included in a comprehensive report on trails now in preparation by the Planning Department. It is anticipated that this report will be presented to Council in October or November of this year. "

This report is submitted for the information of Council.



Dennis Gaunt,
ADMINISTRATOR.

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