

ITEM 12
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 33
COUNCIL MEETING May 5/75

Re: Petition from Mrs. Dora E. Konwick, et al.
3771 Portland Street
Local Improvement on Portland Street

Appearing on the Agenda for the May 5, 1975 meeting of Council is a petition from Mrs. Dora E. Konwick and other property owners on Portland Street regarding a request for a local improvement. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

If the recommendation is adopted, it is anticipated that the work would be done in 1977.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the subject work be inserted in the next Local Improvement Programme; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the petitioners.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER APRIL 30, 1975
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
RE: LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PETITION - PORTLAND STREET

The Engineering Department received a delegation from Portland Street along with a petition signed by several Portland Street property owners. The petition was for the exact same works as had been initiated by Council and which had been defeated by a majority of Portland Street property owners.

The delegation informed Engineering the reason the works had been defeated was because the property owners had been misled. They were under the impression from the information notice provided during initiation procedure, that with sidewalks included, the project could be petitioned against and the project would proceed automatically without sidewalks as a "curbs" only project if this was noted in their petition. When it was learned that such was not the case, they brought forth a petition for the exact same works.

The Engineering Department advised the delegation if they wished the petition to be on a Council agenda it should be presented to the Municipal Clerk. The petition was presented to the Municipal Clerk along with a verbal request to appear before Council as a delegation.

A further question has been brought to the attention of the Engineering Department concerning the proposed work on Portland Street. The question concerns the ornamental cherry trees conflicting with the construction of sidewalks. The cherry trees are in rows on each side of the street. The row on the south will be approximately seven feet from the back edge of the sidewalk and the row on the north side will be about five feet from the back edge of the sidewalk. The proposed cross section is such that sidewalk construction would not in any way interfere with the trees root systems.

Municipal policy has been that works petitioned against by abutting owners would be reinitiated only on the occasion of the next following local improvement program.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council policy be maintained and this project be inserted in the next local improvement program.

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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER