

Re: LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1975 FROM MRS. VICTORIA LUND
1755 BLAINE AVENUE, BURNABY
LACK OF SIDEWALKS ON A STEEPLY GRADED SECTION OF
SPRINGER AVENUE

Appearing on the agenda for the December 8, 1975 meeting of Council is a letter from Mrs. Victoria Lund regarding the lack of sidewalks on a steeply graded section of Springer Avenue. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Springer Avenue be included in the 1977 Local Improvement Program and initiative notices be sent to residents for their concurrence; and
2. THAT no action be taken on the request of Mrs. Lund for warning signing on hills; and
3. THAT a copy of this report and Council's decision be forwarded to Mrs. Victoria Lund.

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5 December, 1975

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: LETTER OF 27 NOVEMBER, 1975, FROM MRS. VICTORIA LUND
TO MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

In Mrs. Lund's letter to Council she raises two points; namely, lack of sidewalks on such a steeply graded street as Springer, and signs to warn pedestrians of the grade.

As Council is aware, sidewalks are installed in Burnaby via the Local Improvement procedure. The individual streets arrived at as the complement of a particular Local Improvement Program is through interest shown by the residents of the street for improvements. The Engineering Department does not, at the present time, have on record any requests or interest for this local improvement on Springer. Springer is, therefore, not on any present or future L.I. Program.

It is recommended that Springer be included in a future program on the basis of community need for a sidewalk.

To answer the comment regarding signing one only has to look at the topography of Burnaby to realize what a tremendous proliferation of signing such a policy would create. The pedestrian encountering conditions such as those related by the complainant must decide themselves if the conditions are such that they are unable to cope with them. It must be inferred from Mrs. Lund's letter that she was aware of the grade of the street as she proceeded down Springer. She nevertheless continued walking and, therefore, one wonders if the presence of a sign on the street would have avoided this accident.

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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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