

Re: Pedestrian/Horse Crosswalk. Cariboo Road at Avalon Avenue.
Letter dated May 30, 1975 from Irene Gorostiza, Secretary,
Burnaby Horsemen's Association, 3860 Edinburgh Street.
(Item 2, Traffic Safety Committee Report, May 26, 1975)

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 9, 1975 meeting of Council is a letter from Irene Gorostiza containing various comments regarding the above-noted Traffic Safety Committee report which was tabled by Council at its meeting of May 26, 1975 pending receipt of further information on the following points:

- (a) People wishing to use horse trails on Burnaby Mountain are obliged to cross Cariboo Road.
- (b) It is considered that adequate horse trails do not exist on the south side of Burnaby Lake. It was pointed out that the path along the south side of the Lake is a B.C. Hydro right-of-way and is used frequently by motor cyclists.

Information was requested on the purpose of this trail under the B.C. Hydro right-of-way and whether it was provided for a specific purpose.

- (c) Are trails in the Municipality designated for specific uses, i.e. horses, pedestrians, motor bikes, etc.?

Following is the Municipal Engineer's report provided in response to Council's request for additional information in this regard.

Attached, also, is the report of the Officer in Charge, R.C.M.P. Burnaby Detachment which refers specifically to the matter of the use of mini-bikes and motorcycles on trails in the Municipality.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be provided to Irene Gorostiza, Secretary, Burnaby Horsemen's Association, and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER JUNE 4, 1975
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
RE: BURNABY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Reference the submission of the Burnaby Horsemen's Association dated May 30, 1975.

By memo dated May 29, 1975 from the Secretary of the Traffic and Safety Committee, we were asked to report on a number of questions raised at Council on May 26, 1975 related to the captioned submission. Attached for Council's information is a copy of our report that will be an item on the next agenda submitted to Council from the Traffic and Safety Committee.

The complaint related to unlicensed motor cycles is complicated in that any charges laid under the Motor Vehicle Act must be against vehicles on a public highway system or right of way. The majority of trails being used by both cyclists and horsemen are not on highway rights of way.

E.E. Olson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

HB:wlh
cc: () R.C.M.P.
() Traffic Supervisor
Att.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: Secretary
Traffic Safety Committee
DEPARTMENT:

FROM: Municipal Engineer
DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN/HORSE CROSSWALK
CARIBOO ROAD AT AVALON AVENUE

DATE: 3 June, 1975

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Reference your memo of 29 May, 1975.

In the attached memo from the Clerk we are requested to provide comments on three items.

- (a) People wishing to use horse trails on Burnaby Mountain are obliged to cross Cariboo Road.

Horse riders who wish to ride horses on Burnaby Mountain and who either start or end their ride at the Equestrian Centre west of Cariboo Road must, at the present time, cross Cariboo Road. As we mentioned in our last report on this subject, the ultimate proposal is that these riders would ride under Cariboo Road through an existing culvert on the Brunette River especially provided for this purpose; however, at this time, the required rights-of-way to obtain access to the culvert requires land acquisition by the Municipality. At the present time all the subject riders, many who are inexperienced, according to a Burnaby Horsemen's Association submission regarding motorbikes, ride across Cariboo Road and then head north. At the Brunette River crossing they must then ride on the travelled roadway and do so as they travel east along Government Road to the trail system at Stoney Creek.

The riding of horses on Cariboo Road and on Government Road is hazardous at the best of times, but is even more so during peak traffic conditions.

- (b) It is considered that adequate horse trails do not exist on the south side of Burnaby Lake. It was pointed out that the path along the south side of the Lake is a B.C. Hydro right-of-way and is used frequently by motorcyclists. Information was requested on the purpose of this trail under the B.C. Hydro right-of-way and whether it was provided for a specific purpose.

In checking the existing trail sections along the south shore of Burnaby Lake we are of the opinion that adequate trails do exist to provide the horse rider with enough riding space so that it is not necessary for them to take unnecessary chances by riding along Cariboo Road and Government Road during rush hours. When entering this area from Avalon Avenue the start of the trail system is signed to prohibit its use by motor vehicles. The main trail on this system runs for about a mile in a westerly direction where it then connects to the trail that runs along the B.C. Hydro Power right-of-way. The main trail along the Hydro right-of-way runs for another mile west and terminates at the east end of Glencairn Drive. It is at this location that the majority of motorcyclists gain access to the trail system.

The trail under the Hydro line, as far as we can determine, was originally built during construction of the power line and is used at times by maintenance crews. There are at present no restrictions posted against its use by either cyclists or horses.

- (c) Are trails in the Municipality designated for specific uses, i.e. horses, pedestrians, motorbikes, etc.

To the best of our knowledge the only restrictions placed on any trail have been to prohibit some of them to all motor vehicles. Some trails have been designated as bridle paths in an effort to separate the horse rider from the pedestrian. We know of no trail that is posted for pedestrian use only.

A. H. Wilson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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c.c. ()Municipal Manager
()Traffic Supervisor

ITEM 15
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 41
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER June 5, 1975
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE R.C.M.P.
RE: BURNABY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This has reference to the correspondence pertaining to the riding of mini-bikes and motorcycles on pedestrian trails.

Since there is no designated mini-bike riding facility in the Municipality of Burnaby, scores of riders use such areas as the Stride Avenue dump and gravel pit, Burnaby Mountain trails, B.C. Hydro right-of-way and were recently, the right-of-way between Burnaby Lake and Highway #401.

It is questionable if any of these areas could be considered highways under the Motor Vehicle Act since they were not designed for the passage of vehicles, although they may come within that definition through useage. In any event, many of the motorcycles and trail-bikes are properly licenced and operated legally.

Enforcement in other cases is difficult because of the mobility of such machines. On occasions when people have been found in definite violation of the law appropriate action has been taken. In the case of very young people, our policy has been to warn and inform the parents of licencing and age requirements.

In view of the growing popularity of trail-bike riding and its acceptability by the public as a form of family recreation, the solution would be to have certain areas designated for that sport and others for horseback riding. I believe the matter of developing a site for motorcycle riding was referred to the G.V.R.D. last year, but I am not aware of the present standing.

W. G. Lambert
(W.G. Lambert) Supt.
O i/c Burnaby Detachment