

ITEM 3

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 1

COUNCIL MEETING Jan. 12/76

Re: FILLING IN THE RAVINE ADJACENT TO 4958 PORTLAND STREET

Following is the Municipal Engineer's report with respect to dumping of fill material in the ravine adjacent to 4958 Portland Street.

This is for the information of Council.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

23 DECEMBER, 1975

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: FILLING IN THE RAVINE ADJACENT TO
4958 PORTLAND STREET

The problem of filling the above ravine has a considerable history and goes back for several years.

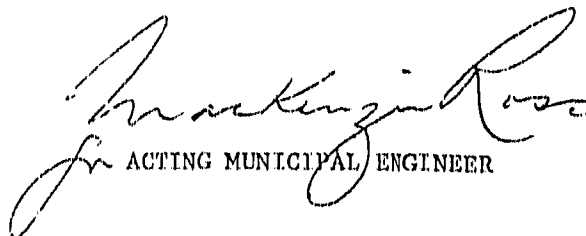
In April 1975 the owners of the above property, Mr. & Mrs. Soper, applied for a permit to fill that portion of the ravine on the east side of their property. This permit was refused after the site was examined by Mr. G. Mullis and Mr. M. Ross of the Engineering Department. At this time it was found that there was evidence of slipping and the fill that had been placed on the side of the ravine was in an unstable condition and could be dangerous to any children who might venture to play in this area. Any further filling on this side of the ravine would aggravate the situation and the additional loading could possibly cause a major slip.

Recently there has been evidence that fill is again being dumped and while we do not know who dumped this material we have, today, written once more to Mr. & Mrs. Soper reminding them of our previous decision and stating that the Municipality will not be responsible for any damage to persons or property caused by this illegal filling operation. (Copy of letter attached.)

This is for the information of Council.

MR:wllh

cc: () Municipal Solicitor
() Chief Building Inspector
() Parks & Recreation Administrator


ACTING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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The Office of the Engineer

23 December, 1975

Mr. R. Soper
4958 Portland Street
Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Mr. Soper:

Re: Dumping in the Ravine Adjacent to
4958 Portland Street

Sometime ago it came to our attention that you were filling the ravine on the east side of your property with the object of consolidating the slope on the east side of your lot.

At that time, Mr. Mullis and Mr. Ross of the Engineering Department visited your house, investigated the matter and spoke with Mrs. Soper. At that time you had applied for a permit to fill the ravine and the day following the visit Mr. Mullis wrote to you refusing this permit on the grounds that the filling operation was endangering the stability of the slope.

Sometime later, in fact quite recently, it came to our attention again that material was being dumped in this ravine. We do not know who is carrying out this operation but would state clearly that any damage to persons or property caused by filling this ravine will not be the responsibility of the Municipality.

We would emphasize, once more, that the permit will not be issued for this filling and that any form of filling in this area can only endanger the stability of the existing slope.

Yours truly,

R. E. Olson, P. Eng.
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

MR:wlh

by: G. C. Mullis,
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT