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Re: LETTER FROM MR. W.M. DUNBAR THAT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA  
FOR THE AUGUST 3, 1976 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4m)  
HALIFAX STREET CLOSURE

Appearing on Council's last agenda was a letter from Mr. W.M. Dunbar regarding the closure of Halifax Street. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on comments that were contained in Mr. Dunbar's letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. W.M. Dunbar.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
AUGUST 12, 1976

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING  
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR. W. M. DUNBAR,  
6547 SUMAS DRIVE, REGARDING HALIFAX STREET CLOSURE

Appearing on the agenda at the August 3 meeting of Council was a letter from W.M. Dunbar expressing dissatisfaction with the closure of Halifax Street to traffic at Woodway Place.

Mr. Dunbar states that he was led to believe that the closure was brought about by only four or five householders on Halifax, and that various people living in the apartment blocks were not canvassed in connection with this action.

In reply, Council will recall that the closure is associated with the street pattern contained in the adopted Community Plan for the eastern sector of Area "D" (Brentwood), and that the development of this Plan involved a very considerable amount of public participation, numerous progress reports to the Municipal Council and public meetings.

The concerns of area residents on the subject of traffic in this area were first evident in a major way in conjunction with a Public Hearing convened on April 23, 1974, in conjunction with a rezoning proposal for apartment development at Delta and Halifax (R.Z. #5/73). As a result of this early public involvement, staff were asked to review the traffic situation in the area, among other matters related to the Community Plan. The rezoning proposal was held in abeyance pending the requested review and Council's decision on the Community Plan.

Following this review, a significant revision to the Community Plan was proposed to Council by the Planning Department for consideration on March 3, 1975. This revision included the introduction of a road closure of Halifax Street to overcome the traffic concerns that had been identified.

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The subject was referred by Council to the Advisory Planning Commission, a Public Meeting was held on April 9, 1975 at the Brentwood Park Elementary School to discuss the proposal, and the Notice of Public Meeting including a copy of the report was sent to all residents within Community Plan Area "D" and abutting properties. In all, 342 notices were sent out in connection with the Public Meeting. 135

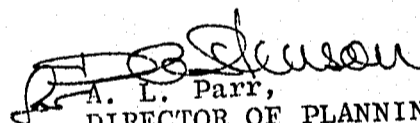
Arising out of this meeting, the Director of Planning was directed to meet with the representatives of the Brentwood Park Ratepayers' Association with reference to advancing a further report to Council.

After a number of meetings with representatives of the Association and the receipt of much additional input, a comprehensive report on Proposed Amendments to the Community Plan was presented to Council for consideration in October 1975, and the recommendations for the portion east of Delta were adopted. The implementation of two elements of this part of the Plan (closure of Dellawn at Springer, recommended as a further feature by the Association, and closure of Halifax at Woodway, as originally proposed and supported by the Association) was approved by Council on February 2, 1976, and took effect June 14, 1976.

Throughout the process of review and revision of this important Community Plan, public involvement has played a very major role, and a great deal of input was received by Council and staff from a broad range of individuals and organizations.

In response to numerous letters received since the implementation of the closures (July 19 and August 3 meetings), Council has agreed to monitor the situation for one month and has asked staff to review the results and report back to Council. A further report on this subject will be presented when the results have been compiled and analyzed.

The foregoing is for the information of Council.

  
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