

Re: LETTER FROM MR. PATRICK SERNE THAT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE DECEMBER 13, 1976 MEETING OF COUNCIL (5f)
ROAD CLOSURES - BRENTWOOD AREA

A letter from Mr. Patrick Serne which appeared on the agenda for the December 13, 1976 meeting of Council made reference to the fact that the Burnaby Fire Department were not being kept informed of the closing of roads. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer in this respect.

The Municipal Manager has checked with the Fire Department and he has been advised that the statements made by Mr. Serne with respect to Captain Gurr are not correct. Captain Gurr advises that the Department is notified in advance with respect to road closures. At the time of Mr. Serne's telephone conversation with Captain Gurr on December 7, 1976, Captain Gurr had just returned from vacation and he was not aware of the fact that the Department had been advised of the latest closure in the area which was installed at Parklawn and Springer on November 29, 1976. Obviously there was some confusion in the discussion between Mr. Serne and Captain Gurr, as the Captain's remarks seem to have been taken out of context.

After considering the report of the Municipal Engineer and after reviewing the matter with the Fire Department, the Municipal Manager is satisfied that there is not a problem of communication between the Engineering Department and the Fire Department, or within the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Patrick Serne.

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17 December, 1976

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: ROAD CLOSURES - BRENTWOOD AREA

At the Council meeting of 13 December, 1976, a letter on the agenda from Patrick Serne made a reference to a telephone conversation with a Burnaby Fire Department member, a Captain Gurr, that they were not being advised of the closing of roads, but must find out by route patrols.

We would advise that the Fire Department was notified by memo from the Municipal Clerk dated 3 February, 1976, that Halifax Street at Woodway and Dellawn at Springer were to be closed to vehicular traffic. On 6 July, 1976, this office contacted the Fire Department, Police and Ambulance Services by phone that the closures would be in place effective 7 July, 1976. This was confirmed by letter and sketches dated 7 July, 1976.

Again by memo dated 23 November, 1976, the Municipal Clerk advised the Director of Fire Services that Parklawn at Springer was to be closed for a trial period of 60 days. In addition, a phone call was placed to the Fire Prevention Office by the Planning Department advising them of this additional closure in the Brentwood Area.

It would, therefore, appear that if a Captain Gurr was unaware of these road closures the fault must stem from a lack of communication within the Fire Department.


MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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