

Re: LETTER FROM MRS. M. DORAN
4436 VENABLES STREET, BURNABY
(a) SIDEWALKS ON VENABLES STREET
(b) BUS STOP ON WILLINGDON

ITEM 3
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 54
COUNCIL MEETING Aug. 30/76

Appearing on the agenda for the August 30, 1976 Council meeting is a letter from Mrs. M. Doran regarding sidewalks on Venables Street, and also, the condition of a bus stop on Willingdon Avenue. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on these matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mrs. M. Doran.

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19 August, 1976

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: SIDEWALKS - 4400 BLOCK VENABLES STREET
(Mrs. M. Doran, 4436 Venables Street)

Mrs. Doran has written to the Municipal Council expressing concern regarding sidewalks that are currently being constructed in the 4400 Block Venables Street. We would advise that there is an approved Local Improvement in progress on Venables Street between Madison Avenue and Willingdon Avenue, which includes the 4400 Block. The work involves the construction of 28 foot pavement with 5 foot curb sidewalks on both sides. Mrs. Doran states that "...we neither want nor need them (the sidewalks)." The results of the Local Improvement Initiative on Venables Street are as follows.

There were 67 owners abutting the work, which would require 34 negative votes to defeat, and in fact, there were only two objections to the work.

Regarding the proposal to put a sidewalk on the east side of Willingdon from Brentwood to Hastings Street, it should be noted that Willingdon Avenue is a major arterial, and as such sidewalks would be constructed not as local improvement, but in conjunction with ultimate construction of the arterial road. In the case of Willingdon Avenue, the road that exists is only one-half of the ultimate arterial standard, and to place a sidewalk, at the present time, on the east side behind the existing curb would result in wasted expenditure, as the sidewalk would ultimately have to be removed when Willingdon is widened to its full arterial standard. For walking along Willingdon there is a concrete walk on the west side.

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Regarding the suggestion that a sidewalk should be put on Rosser south of Hastings Street, we would advise that this type of walk would be constructed by Local Improvement subsequent to receipt of a petition from property owners indicating that they have a desire for such a sidewalk. At the present time we do not have such a petition from the property owners.

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Our maintenance branch will inspect the bus stop on the east side of Willingdon at Venables Street, and place additional road mulch if the conditions warrant such maintenance.


MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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