

Re: LETTER FROM THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF U.B.C. WHICH APPEARED
ON THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 4, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 3c)
STUDENT UNION BUILDING, U.B.C., VANCOUVER
TWENTY-FIFTH AVENUE BUS SERVICE

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. Arnold Hedstrom, Secretary/Treasurer for the Alma Mater Society of U.B.C., regarding the Society's support for the proposed Twenty-fifth Avenue bus route. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Burnaby Council support, in principle, the proposed Twenty-fifth Avenue bus service; and
2. THAT Vancouver City Council be informed of Burnaby Council support; and
3. THAT B. C. Hydro be forwarded a copy of this report and be requested to provide a status report on the Twenty-fifth Avenue bus service.
4. THAT the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia be sent a copy of this report.

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30 March, 1977.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: TWENTY-FIFTH AVENUE BUS SERVICE

The benefit of a bus route along the 25th Avenue alignment has been previously recognized by the Bureau of Transit Services, the Operation Planning Division of B. C. Hydro Transit, and also our own Planning Department, in its June 1976 report, "Public Transit in Burnaby." This route, following King Edward / 29th Avenue in Vancouver and Moscrop / Gilpin Street in Burnaby terminating at the Burnaby Municipal Hall, would fill the 2.1 mile gap between the existing Broadway and 41st Avenue routes, (see attached sketches). This route would also provide direct access from Central Burnaby to the U. B. C. campus.

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Late last year our department was asked by B. C. Hydro to investigate the conditions of several bus stop locations along Moscrop / Gilpin Street in preparation for the proposed service. Only minimal curbside improvements would be required to implement their service on Burnaby's street system.

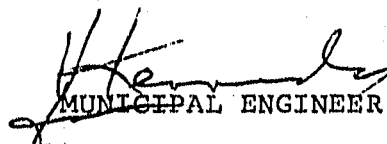
On March 4, we inquired of the status of this service, and were informed by Hydro the plans had been postponed due to the requirement of extensive road improvements along a portion of the Vancouver route. A subsequent phone call to the City of Vancouver Engineering Department revealed that the necessary road works included reconstruction of 29th Avenue East of Slocan and a redesign of the street pattern in the vicinity of Joyce Road, Boundary Road and Moscrop Street. The completion of this work would be at least 2 - 3 years from now.

In the conversation with the Vancouver Engineering Department, we were informed that approximately 50 letters from the residents of King Edward Avenue and a 264 name petition from the residents of 29th Avenue have been received by the City objecting to the proposed bus route. In view of these objections the City is refraining from making any commitments to road improvements at this time.

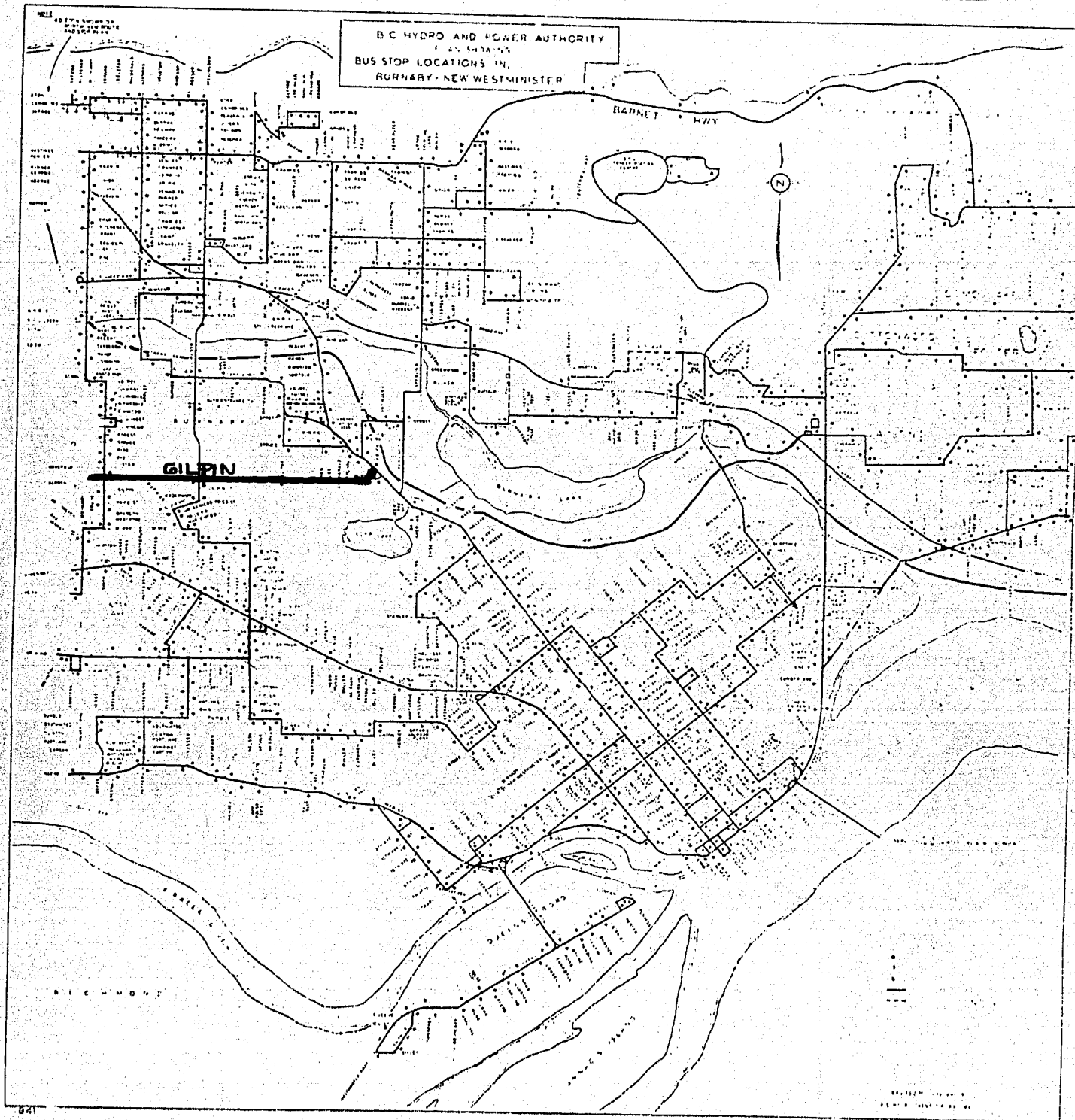
The Planning Department also supports the concept of a bus service on the alignment suggested and further would request that B. C. Hydro be formally asked for a report on the 25th Avenue bus service.

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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER





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