

ITEM 4
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 79
COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 14/77

Re: LETTER FROM KENNETH C. HILL, M. D.
SUITE 314, 4900 KINGSWAY, BURNABY
TRAFFIC ON BUCKINGHAM DRIVE

Appearing on the agenda for the November 14, 1977 meeting of Council is a letter from Kenneth C. Hill regarding the control of traffic on Buckingham Street. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Kenneth C. Hill, M.D.; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Dr. C. F. Rideout, 5503 Buckingham Avenue (who has corresponded with the Municipal Manager on the matter which is the subject of this report); and
3. THAT a copy of this report and the letter from Kenneth C. Hill, M.D. dated October 28, 1977 be sent to the Traffic Safety Committee for information.

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9 November, 1977.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF KENNETH C. HILL M.D.
6246 BUCKINGHAM DRIVE.

Reference: the submission of Dr. Hill dated October 28, 1977.

The recent single vehicle accident in the 5600 block Buckingham Avenue which claimed the lives of two teenagers was indeed a tragedy and we most certainly sympathize with the concerns of the many citizens who have contacted us requesting that something be done to curb the increasing problem of speeding. We do not feel however that the placing of stop signs along streets used by speeders is the solution to this problem, in fact it could lead to an increase in the disrespect so many motorists now show for existing traffic control devices and regulations. If traffic control devices are to function they must at least have credibility in the eyes of the motorists. In reviewing the circumstances that led to the subject accident one has to question whether the driver, who was a local resident and no doubt very familiar with the street and its traffic patterns, would have been deterred by the placement of unwarranted stop signs.

In discussions with the R.C.M.P., we were advised that this problem of speeding, particularly during the evening and early morning hours is not confined to this area of Burnaby but is general throughout the Municipality. They have however indicated that they will increase their surveillance along the Buckingham route.

As the members of Council are aware the subject of traffic on Buckingham Avenue, particularly as it relates to its use by commuters, is presently under study. It is our intention in the very near future to hold a public meeting with the residents of that area bounded by Canada Way, Sperling Avenue and Burriss Street to discuss their concerns and what changes can be introduced into the traffic patterns within their area.

The above is for the information of Council.


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THAT Dr. Hill be sent a copy of this report.


MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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