

RE: LETTER FROM MR. WALTER WEIR CAMPBELL WHICH APPEARED ON THE  
AGENDA FOR THE 1978 SEPTEMBER 25 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4i)  
CONDITION OF THE LANE AT THE REAR OF 6350 WINCH STREET

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. Walter Weir Campbell regarding a lane at the rear of 6350 Winch Avenue.

Following are comments by the Chief Public Health Inspector on this matter:

"On 1978 September 19 an inspection of the subject lane ditch was conducted by this Department. At the time of inspection, the ditch and banking supported a thick growth of grass. However, there was no evidence of rodent infestation or mosquito development. A small amount of water, in a flowing state, was evident in a portion of the ditch behind Mr. Campbell's property.

One property, 6460 Winch Street, has an accumulation of scrap metal, garbage and debris just outside the fence line. A return registered letter was forwarded to the occupants of 6460 Winch Street requesting the removal of this debris. An inspection on September 27 revealed that the scrap metal, garbage and debris has been satisfactorily removed."

The Assistant Municipal Engineer would be pleased to meet with Mr. Campbell on site to discuss any aspect of this matter. The Assistant Engineer will call Mr. Campbell to determine if such a meeting is desired, and if it is, will follow up accordingly.

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Engineer be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 78 09 27  
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER  
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MR. WALTER W. CAMPBELL REGARDING  
THE CONDITION OF THE LANE AT REAR OF 6350  
WINCH STREET.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT nothing further be done at this time to that portion of the lane behind 6350 Winch Street and that the Engineering Department carry out routine visits to ensure the proper functioning of the ditch and to control excessive growth.
2. THAT Mr. Campbell be given a copy of this report.

REPORT

A report on the above matter is contained in the Municipal Manager's Report No. 54 Item 6, a copy of which is attached.

As stated, remedial action was taken shortly after the receipt of Mr. Campbell's original letter.

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The Engineering Department considers that it would be highly inadvisable for the Corporation to undertake Mr. Campbell's suggestion with respect to reducing the height of the bank because such action is almost certain to result in undermining bases of fences with attendant collapse of the fences. This would result in a condition worse than that pertaining to the existing bank.

*E.E. Jones*  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

WMR:cj  
Attach.

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	68	MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	54
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RE: LETTER DATED 1978 JULY 10 FROM MR. WALTER W. CAMPBELL, 6350 WINCH STREET, BURNABY, REGARDING THE CONDITION OF THE LANE AT THE REAR OF HIS HOME

Mr. Walter W. Campbell, 6350 Winch Street, Burnaby, wrote to Alderman G. D. Ast, Acting Mayor, on 1978 July 10 complaining of the condition of the lane at the rear of his home. He forwarded copies of his letter to all members of Council, and during the Council meeting of July 17 the Municipal Manager was asked to report in connection with this correspondence.

The following is the report of the Municipal Engineer dated July 21 in this regard.

This is the first time that this matter has been drawn to the attention of the Municipal Manager, but he has no reason to doubt that previous complaints over the past years have been made to the staff as Mr. Campbell suggests. The Municipal Manager is not aware of any discussions with Mayor Constable or any of the Aldermen. In any event, the matter seems to be in hand.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. Campbell be forwarded a copy of this report item.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MR. WALTER W. CAMPBELL REGARDING CONDITION OF LANE AT REAR OF 6350 WINCH STREET

The condition behind Mr. Campbell's lot is no different from the neighbouring lots and other areas in Burnaby. There is a three foot strip between the rear fence and the edge of the lane paving. For the full length of this strip where the ditch is located grass has been allowed to grow unchecked and because of this the strip is unsightly.

In 1976, due to budget restraints, cut backs were made in the services listed as lane maintenance and brushing and ditching. Subsequently many residents took the trouble to maintain these areas while others allowed growth to continue unchecked. The Works Division attempt to keep the matter under control but a complete program would involve increases in these budget items of some \$200,000.

We feel that with the help of residents the problems can be held in check and fortunately many residents are accepting this responsibility.

We have instructed the Roads Superintendent to cut the grass at the above location and to check the ditch and culverts for proper operation.

We could find no evidence of "a hazard to our sanitary engineers" and no evidence of mosquito breeding and several members of staff attended the site without the benefit of a spray mosquito repellent.

We hope that the remedial action taken by the Works Division will alleviate Mr. Campbell's problem.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Mr. Campbell be given a copy of this report.

*Franklin Ross*  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

WMR/cc

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