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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	6
COUNCIL MEETING	1978 01 23

Re: LETTER FROM FRANCES M. COCHRANE
8603 - 11TH AVENUE, BURNABY
SNOW CLEARING

Appearing on the agenda for the 1978 January 23 meeting of Council is a letter from Miss Frances M. Cochrane regarding snow clearing in Burnaby.

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer dated 78 01 18 regarding the above.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Miss Frances M. Cochrane, 8603 - 11th Avenue, Burnaby, B. C. be sent a copy of this report.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: SNOW CLEARING - LETTER FROM FRANCES M. COCHRANE,
8603 - 11th AVENUE, BURNABY.

Mr. Cochrane's complaint is the scope of the Corporation's snow clearing policy.

In brief form, the policy is that snow clearing will be carried out with the following priorities being observed.

1. Arterial Streets
2. Collector Streets
3. Bus Routes
4. Residential Streets with steep gradients and having only one outlet.
5. All other residential streets. The street where Mr. Cochrane resides is in the fifth priority category.

To provide snow clearing facilities for all residential streets, a large fleet of vehicles would be required and the cost, together with the high cost of salt, sand and labour would be prohibitive.

Mr. Cochrane is correct in stating that the last two winters have not been severe and that the reserve fund for snow clearing has benefitted; however, if we are unfortunate enough to have a really severe winter, our reserve fund could be totally spent just on one of two severe storms. For example, this winter to date we have spent more than half the amount considered to be the normal annual budget appropriation for snow clearing.

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The severity and frequency of snowfall in an average winter in this area does not warrant the high expenditures involved in providing complete snow clearing and removal facilities.

We know from observation that Burnaby's standard for snow clearing is comparable with other lower mainland Municipalities and, in the interest of economy, some inconvenience must be expected and tolerated.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Miss Cochrane be given a copy of this report.

E.E. Olson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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