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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	6
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Re: LETTER FROM INGRID SZABO WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE 1978 JANUARY 16 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5B)
DITCHES ON FARRINGTON STREET

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Ingrid Szabo regarding ditches on Farrington Street. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter. A report from the Chief Public Health Inspector is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Ingrid Szabo.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: DITCHES - FARRINGTON STREET

On the Council Agenda for 78 01 16 there appeared a letter from Ingrid Szabo of 4052 Farrington. In that letter, several points were raised regarding the ditches on Farrington Street. This report from the Engineering Department will deal with those points concerning elimination of ditches, proper entrance, and prickly bushes. Other Departments will report on the other aspects of the ditches raised in the letter.

The Engineering Department records have been reviewed for several years back regarding complaints about the ditches on Farrington or promises to eliminate the ditches. No record of complaints or promises of ditch elimination was found.

If the owners on the street wish the ditches to be eliminated, they may have them eliminated by a petition for Local Improvement Works. The petition is to be submitted to the Engineering Department by 78 06 30 for inclusion in the subsequent years program and contain the signatures of at least 10 property owners.

The entrance crossing at the subject address is the standard type of ditch crossing installed in Burnaby by Municipal forces consisting of a concrete pipe with a gravel cover.

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A field inspection revealed that there are some bramble bushes at the subject address; in fact, this is the only house on Farrington which has any bramble bushes on the boulevard. The reason the bramble bushes still exist at this address is that the flail mower on its scheduled rounds could not cut the bramble because of parked cars. These bramble bushes will be cut at the first opportunity.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Ingrid Szabo be sent a copy of this report.

EE Olson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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Mr. M.J. Shelley
Municipal Manager
Corporation of Burnaby

Dear Sir:

Re: LETTER TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Mrs. INGRID SZABO, 4052 FARRINGTON STREET, BURNABY
LOT 4, BLK. 30, D.L. 34, PLAN 2302

Further to the above-noted letter in which Mrs. Szabo complains of the unsatisfactory condition of open ditching in the 4000 Block Farrington Street, Burnaby, we would advise that this Department has investigated the public health aspects of the complaint.

Health Department investigation reveals that the only portion of the pertinent storm drainage ditch that is overgrown is that portion of ditch situated in front of the complainant's dwelling, addressed as 4052 Farrington Street. The growth consists of long grass and blackberry vines and, in our opinion, the blackberry vine growth could be considered as light. The growth is confined to the ditch area only; all boulevards appear to be maintained to the ditch line.

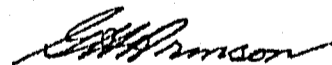
A thorough inspection of the concerned ditching does not reveal evidence of a rodent infestation. A perusal of our records for the past three months reveals nothing in the way of rodent complaint in this area. Any ditching or other area containing water is capable, under favourable conditions and during the months of May to September, of supporting mosquito life. There is no mosquito infestation at the present time, but we have noted the area for increased inspection during the time of our Mosquito Control Program.

CONCLUSION

Although there is no public health problem in evidence, at the present time, this Department will keep the area under surveillance for rodent and mosquito infestation and, if required, take appropriate action.

This is for the information of Council.

Respectfully submitted,



G.H. Armson, C.P.H.I. (C)
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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