

ITEM 20
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 74
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 10 23

RE: LETTER FROM WHOLESALE DELIVERY SERVICE (1972) LTD. WHICH
APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1978 OCTOBER 16 MEETING
OF COUNCIL (ITEM 35) UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. J. D. Forbes, president of Wholesale Delivery Service (1972) Ltd. regarding underground wiring. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director of Planning be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1978 OCTOBER 18
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
SUBJECT: WHOLESALE DELIVERY SERVICE (1972) LIMITED — 2830 NORLAND AVENUE
D.L. 75, LOT 71, PLAN 40831

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Mr. Forbes be advised that the requirements of the Burnaby Electrical Connection Regulation By-law 1973 continue to apply to the electrical service connections to buildings on his property, and
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. J.D. Forbes, President, Wholesale Delivery Service (1972) Limited, 2830 Norland Avenue.

REPORT

Appearing on the 1978 October 16 agenda was an item of correspondence from Mr. J.D. Forbes dealing with the subject of underground electrical service connections to his company's buildings, and requesting that he be permitted to change his plans back to overhead wiring.

It should be recognized at the outset that the discussion that took place at the 1978 September 25 meeting of Council involved relocating of the existing hydro power distribution system, on which Council does not at this time have a policy requiring undergrounding, while the matter that Mr. Forbes is introducing involves electrical service connections to buildings or structures, which are regulated under the Burnaby Electrical Connection Regulation By-law 1973. We understand that the Municipal Engineer is preparing a separate report which will appear on the agenda for 1978 October 23 dealing with the subject of the distribution system and Council's policies concerning such under Local Improvement initiatives; we would observe that to place the hydro distribution system underground, had that been proposed in conjunction with the Norland Avenue project,

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would have required adoption of a specific new policy in this regard, approval of and participation in an undergrounding program under the Power and Telephone Line Beautification Fund Act, or initiation of a separate Local Improvement Project to deal with the undergrounding.

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With reference to the Wholesale Delivery Service (1972) Limited property, the following information is provided:

1. The property in past years was served by a single-phase overhead service and a 100 amp three-phase overhead service, from the Norland Avenue hydro distribution system.
2. In early 1976, application was made for permits to construct a new warehouse or maintenance building at the rear of the present terminal on the site. The electrical service connection to this building was required to be placed and maintained wholly underground. This matter was the subject of a delegation to Council on 1977 January 24, in which Mr. Forbes requested permission to proceed with overhead wiring on the project. Following presentation of a staff report (Item 18, Manager's Report No. 23, 1977 March 28) on questions arising out of the matter, Council on 1977 March 28 adopted the following recommendations:
 - " 1. THAT Item 20, Supplementary Report No. 5, dated January 24, 1977 be lifted from the table and
 2. THAT the provisions of Burnaby Electrical Connection Regulation By-law 1972 be upheld and
 3. THAT Mr. Forbes be furnished with a copy of this report and invited to meet with the Chief Electrical Inspector in order to correct any misunderstanding he may have received as to the technical ramifications in this instance. "
3. The installation of that electrical connection, underground, was approved following issuance of the electrical permit in 1977 June.
4. In order to accommodate the increased electrical demand produced by the development of the site, Mr. Forbes' electrical contractor in 1977 June made application for a permit for a new 200 amp three-phase electric service to increase the service capacity. In conjunction with this request, and in recognition of the fact that a street improvement project with attendant necessary relocation of existing hydro distribution lines was then being planned for Norland Avenue, the Chief Building Inspector received the attached letter dated 1977 June 07 from Mr. J.D. Forbes, giving an undertaking to place the new three-phase service underground in accordance with the terms of the By-law, requesting permission to utilize a temporary overhead connection from the B.C. Hydro pole to the company's premises, and acknowledging the company's undertaking to place the service underground at a time convenient to the road widening construction program. A permit for this temporary overhead service was issued 1977 June 09 in line with the commitments given in the letter, and it is this three-phase service which is now expected to be placed underground as the reconstruction and widening work is now at an appropriate stage.
5. It should be noted that the acceptance of a temporary service under the conditions noted was undertaken in a mutual effort to minimize service disruptions, costs, and potential complications to all concerned in light of the imminent reconstruction program.

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2830 NORLAND AVENUE
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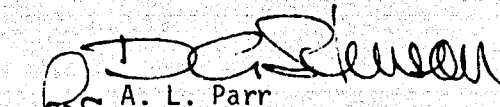
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6. A permit was issued by the Electrical Inspection Department on 1977 October 04 for completion of the work; the installation of the three-phase underground as agreed.

7. It is confirmed that the remaining single-phase service, which is overhead, pre-dates the Burnaby Electrical Regulation By-law, and has not been involved in any further building development increase, is permitted to remain overhead.

In summary, the Municipality has a By-law which requires the placement of electrical, telephone and telecommunications services to buildings to be wholly underground, and the provisions of that By-law continue to apply with respect to the three-phase service connection to 2830 Norland Avenue, in accordance with the letter of undertaking submitted by Mr. Forbes in relation to a temporary overhead connection.

The matter of the overall hydro distribution system facility that exists in the Norland Avenue road allowance is not subject to the Electrical Connection Regulation By-law, and the policy of Council pertaining to the distribution system is the subject of a separate report from the Municipal Engineer.


A. L. Parr
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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cc Chief Building Inspector
Municipal Engineer

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June 7, 1977

The Corporation of the
District of Burnaby,
Building Department,
4949 Canada Way,
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1M2

Attention: Mr. M.J. Jones,
Chief Building Inspector

Dear Sirs:

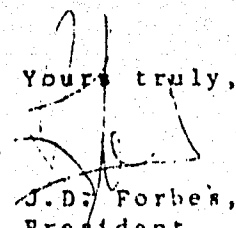
Subject: 2830 Norland Avenue;
New 3-Phase Electric Service

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT
OFFICE

With respect to the application by our contractor, Rogers Electric Ltd., for an electric permit to increase the 3-phase electric service to Wholesale Delivery Service (1972) Ltd., this letter gives our undertaking to run the new 3-phase electric service underground in accordance with the terms of Burnaby Electrical Connection Regulation By-Law 1973 from the B.C. Hydro pole designated, south side Norland Avenue, to premises of WDS in conjunction with the forthcoming reconstruction and widening of Norland Avenue. In the meantime, until the underground service is installed and in operation, WDS requests permission to utilize a temporary overhead connection from the B.C. Hydro pole to our premises, and in so doing acknowledges our undertaking to place the service underground at a time convenient to the road widening construction program.


Yours truly,

J.D. Forbes,
President.

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c.c. B.C. Hydro & Power Authority,
Attention: Mr. Terry Burgess

Rogers Electric Ltd.,
111 West 5th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1H9
Attention: Mr. Larry Tough

Mr. S.S. Nirmal, Supervisor,
Electrical Inspections,
Corporation of Burnaby