

ITEM 7
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 76
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 10 30

RE: EASTBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME PROJECT
PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS
FIRST STREET AND SIXTEENTH STREET

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding two N.I.P. improvements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1978 OCTOBER 23

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: EASTBURN NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME
PROJECT - PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS
OF FIRST STREET AND SIXTEENTH STREET

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council authorize the construction of the two chip surface walkways on portions of First Street and Sixteenth Street to be financed under the terms of the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Programme.
2. THAT The Municipal Engineer be directed to initiate construction of the two walkways as outlined in Section II of this report at a total estimated cost of \$15,500 of which the Municipal share is \$9,687.

REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On 1976 November 29 Council approved in principle a series of Neighbourhood Improvement Programme projects proposed for the Eastburn area. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on two of the projects and to request authority to proceed with construction of pedestrian walkways, one on a portion of First Street and a second one along a portion of Sixteenth Street.

As a result of discussions, questionnaires and public meetings held in conjunction with the Eastburn Neighbourhood Improvement Programme a series of improvement projects were prepared by staff working jointly with residents of the area.

II. PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED WALKWAYS

On both First Street and Sixteenth Street the majority of the homes front towards the avenues and have their flankages along the two streets. As a result of the public discussion it was found that the lack of sidewalks along these two streets were important problems to residents of the NIP area who find it difficult to walk safely along these two uncompleted streets.

On First Street the proposed walkway will be located on the southwest side between Sixteenth Avenue and Twelfth Avenue and would provide a walkway for children walking to and from Second Street School (7500, 7600, 2700 blocks). This portion of First Street is designated as a collector street in the Second Street Neighbourhood Plan and is also a bus route. (Refer to attached map.) This walkway could form a portion of the park/trails system as it does lead to Robert Burnaby Park.

The proposed walkway on Sixteenth Street would be located on the southwest side of the street and would run a distance of four blocks between Edmonds Street and Stride Avenue (7300, 7400, 7500 blocks). This portion of Sixteenth Street is heavily used by pedestrians as it serves to connect the Middlegate-Edmonds Loop area with Stride Avenue School, Cedar Place Housing Project and the residences of the area. In addition, Sixteenth Street is the street which connects directly between Edmonds and Stride Avenue in the Stride neighbourhood, and again is a bus route. This route would also complement the park/trails system. At present there is a deep ditch on the northeast side of Sixteenth Street which the Engineer notes will be considered for a future ditch elimination programme.

In the view of the residents of the area who use these streets, walkways at these locations are urgently needed at this time and would be heavily utilized. The adjacent affected property owners have in the past not approved Local Improvement Programme petitions.

III. THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

These two walkways, as outlined, are proposed to be funded by the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme formula whereby the Municipality would pay 62.5% of the total costs. The property owners adjacent to the walkways would not be charged for these projects. At a future date when local improvement programme petitions to complete the streets to finished standards are approved these chipwalks would no longer be required.

The walkways proposed would be constructed of rock dust and would provide a four foot wide walking surface on the edge of the road allowance.

IV. COSTS

The costs estimated by the Engineering Department for the First Street project are \$8,300 and for the Sixteenth Street project \$7,200, including overhead and contingency costs. The total cost for the two walkway projects would be \$15,500. The Municipal Engineer has indicated that the projects would be constructed by Municipal staff.

The cost sharing formula under the terms of the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme agreement will be:

Municipal	62.5%	\$ 9,687.
Federal	25.0%	\$ 3,875.
Provincial	12.5%	\$ 1,938.
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$15,500.</u>

The original cost estimate for these projects which was approved in principle by Council in 1976 November was \$25,000. Thus it is proposed that the balance of the unused funds be reallocated within the list of Eastburn NIP projects.

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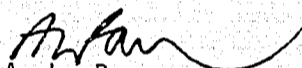
V. SUMMARY

In 1976 November Council approved in principle the construction of two pedestrian walkways, one on First Street between Sixteenth Avenue and Twelfth Avenue and another on Sixteenth Street between Edmonds and Stride Avenue. In both cases these streets are heavily used by pedestrians as they are bus routes and serve school children.

Due to the fact that these two streets primarily have homes which front on the avenues and flank on the streets involved it is less likely that the approval of local improvement projects would take place. The construction of the proposed walkways would fulfill an immediate need identified by the community.

In the future, the option to construct local improvement projects would still be available.

The total costs of the two projects is estimated by the Municipal Engineer at \$15,500 including contingencies. The Municipal share of this under the terms of the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme agreement would be \$9,687.


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Attachment

cc: Municipal Engineer
Municipal Treasurer
Eastburn NIP Committee