

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
for MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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