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RE: LETTER FROM MR. JOHN R. McISAAC WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA  
FOR THE 1979 MAY 07 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5a)  
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON GEORGIA STREET

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. John R. McIsaac regarding a local improvement project on Georgia Street. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on the comments contained in his correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 79 05 09  
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER  
SUBJECT: FIRE HYDRANT, 4573 E. GEORGIA STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. McIsaac, 4573 E. Georgia Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 2V4, be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT

At its meeting of 79 05 07, Council received a letter from Mr. J.R. McIsaac, 4573 E. Georgia Street. In his letter, Mr. McIsaac mentioned the following items:

1. Debris left after tree planting.
2. Area of boulevard not seeded.
3. Location of fire hydrant
4. Local Improvement Assessment.

This section of Georgia Street was a project in the 1978 Local Improvement Program and the work involved a water main replacement. The project extended from Willingdon Avenue to Delta Avenue.

With regard to the debris left after tree planting, the Parks and Recreation Department advises that the method of planting trees results in some debris being on the boulevard for a short period of time. The time sequence of planting trees is that the holes are dug, trees are planted, and then a large percentage of the hole spoil is removed; some soil is left to allow for settlement and the excess is removed later. We are advised by the Parks Department that different equipment and sometimes different personnel are used for each operation.

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As a matter of policy, the boulevards on Local Improvement Projects are dressed with top soil but not seeded. The homeowner is advised of this in a hand-delivered information sheet prior to the beginning of construction.

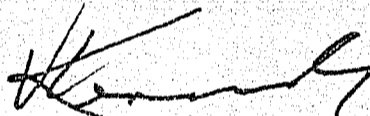
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Throughout the area, generally speaking, there are fire hydrants located at intersections but there are many instances in the area where hydrants are located within the blocks. In conjunction with the Local Improvement Project on Georgia, as previously mentioned, there was also a water main replacement. Prior to water main replacement there were 2 hydrants between Willingdon and Delta; with the water main work, this spacing was upgraded to include 4 hydrants to provide improved fire protection for the area. The hydrants were spaced at approximately equal distances from each other and this of necessity results in hydrants being located within blocks. In actual practice the hydrant would be located opposite an internal property line which is closest to the equal distance possible and if possible, not adjacent to the driveway. The subject hydrant is situated slightly offset from the extension of the property line because the property line position would have resulted in disruption to existing shrubbery, but there is no adjacent driveway.

Mr. McIsaac has asked that his Local Improvement Assessment be reduced because of the location of the fire hydrant. The L.I.P. Assessor has received this as an appeal and it was presented as a petition to the Court of Revision. The appeal was denied.

RECOMMENDATION:

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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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cc: Parks and Recreation Administrator  
Director-Fire Services