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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	39
COUNCIL MEETING	1979 05 22

RE: LETTER FROM JOHN AND HELEN CHOLOWSKI
980 MADISON AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C. V5C 4Y3
PROPOSED LOCAL IMPROVEMENT WORK ON MADISON AVENUE
4 FOOT SEPARATE WALK EAST SIDE, PROJECT NO. 78-051

Appearing on the agenda for the 1979 May 22 meeting of Council is a letter from John and Helen Cholowski regarding a proposed Local Improvement Project on Madison Avenue. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LOCAL IMPROVEMENT WORK - MADISON AVENUE
4 FOOT SEPARATE WALK EAST SIDE, PROJECT NO. 78-051

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT because of the objection of both abutting property owners the 4 foot separated walk Local Improvement Initiation, Project No. 78-051, on Madison Avenue not proceed and be allowed to lapse.
2. THAT both abutting property owners be provided with a copy of this report.

REPORT

We have been asked to report on a letter addressed to the Municipal Council from the Cholowskis at 980 Madison Avenue regarding a 1979 Local Improvement for a 4 foot separate walk on their side of Madison Avenue north of Parker Street.

The Cholowskis have noted two significant points as follows:

1. They did not oppose the project because of a misunderstanding on their part regarding the type of sidewalk to be constructed, i.e. they believed the sidewalk would be of a curbside type similar to that constructed on Parker Street and if they had realized it was to be a 4 foot separate walk they would have opposed. In addition, the one other abutting property owner erred when he signed the petition in opposition to a separate walk across the street rather than to petition against the walk on his side of the street.

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As there are only two abutting property owners this means that now both owners are in opposition to the proposed separate walk Local Improvement.

- 2. That the 4 foot separated walk as proposed would not line-up with the existing curb walk as constructed on Parker Street and returned onto Madison Avenue.

In response to Item No. 1 above, we can only comment that as a result of misunderstanding the petitions against this project, which were nil, should have in fact been two which represents the entire abutting property and under the circumstances the project should not proceed.

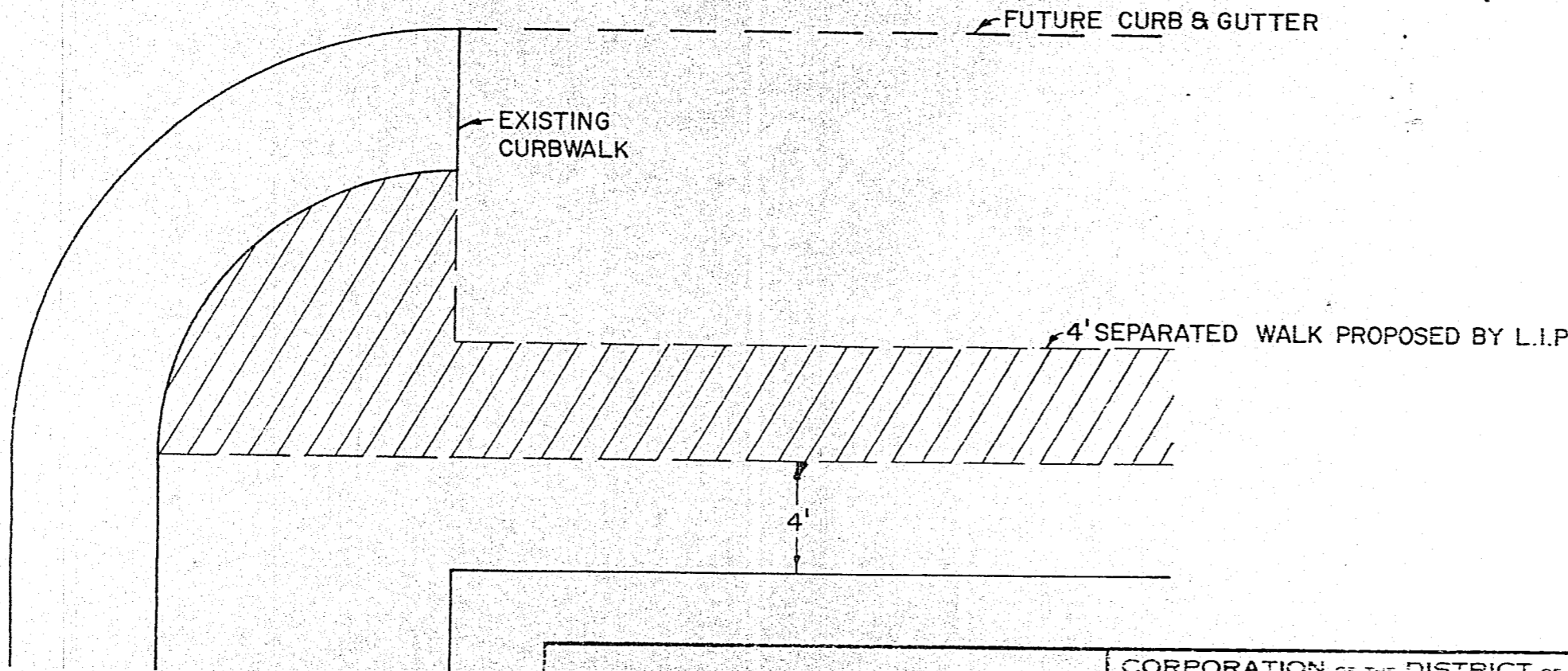
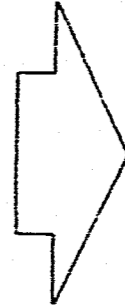
In response to Item No. 2 above, there is a recognized problem when separated sidewalks are constructed in areas which have already, on connecting streets, seen the construction of integrated curbswalks and the problem is indicated on the attached sketch No. L 1860 with the alignment of the two types of sidewalks accomplished as shown by crosshatching on the sketch. This situation of having two different types of walks arises from the fact that until about twenty years ago most Local Improvement works in Burnaby had been for 4 foot separated walks located 4 feet from the property line because at that time the priorities of the community were for separated walks with little preference for finishing streets with curbs and elimination of ditches. However in the early 60's when new priorities became evident in the community, a major Local Improvement Program was commenced using integrated curbswalks primarily for economy and this type of program has received considerable success until recent years when rising costs have caused the earlier success of the initiations to be reversed to the point where earlier near 100% success of Local Improvement Programs has been reversed to a majority of defeats in residential areas. The reason for the initiation of the 4 foot separate walk on Madison when it would not be consistent with the standard of curbswalk constructed on Parker was that other sections of Madison had in earlier years, prior to the new Local Improvement Program standard, been serviced with 4 foot separate walks and it was considered advisable to keep the same standard on the same street even though there was a connection problem at intersecting streets, as shown on sketch L 1860.

E.E. Olson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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Att.
c.c. () Municipal Treasurer
() Municipal Clerk

PARKER STREET

MADISON AVENUE



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STANDARD DWG. FOR A
 CURB WALK MEETING A
 4' SEPARATED S/W

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY
 ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 DESIGN DIVISION
 DESIGNED BY
 DRAWN BY F.V.J.
 CHECKED BY
 APPRVD BY
 SCALE 1" = 50'
 DATE 79-05-16
 DRWG NO. L. 1860

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