

ITEM	14
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	42
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 06 16

RE: LETTER FROM MR. SVEND J. ROBINSON, M.P.
#4 - 6344 KINGSWAY, BURNABY, B.C. V5E 1H1
TRAIN NOISE/KENSINGTON OVERPASS

Appearing on the agenda for the 1980 June 16 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. Svend Robinson, M.P. Information on the matters that are referred to by Mr. Robinson is contained in the following report from the Municipal Engineer.

Staff is working on the anti-train whistle by-law that is referred to in the report. The Municipal Solicitor will be requested to prepare a draft by-law in the near future; the matter is then expected to be referred to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 80 06 10
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: FIELDING COURT
SUBMISSION FROM SVEND J. ROBINSON, M.P., DATED 80 05 26

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. Svend J. Robinson, M.P., #4 - 6344 Kingsway, Burnaby, V5E 1H1, be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT

Regulations covering the operation of trains on interprovincial railways comes under the authority of the Federal Ministry of Transport. Any concerns therefore of train operations should be directed to the Department of Transport, Ottawa, Ontario.

There is one item related to the above paragraph we would comment on and that is Burnaby's consideration of an anti-train whistle bylaw. While we have received requests for such a bylaw from Burnaby residents adjacent the B.N.R. Central Valley line and the B.C. Hydro Central Park line the only one that would meet the major requirement for enactment of such a bylaw (signalization of all crossings) is the B.N.R. Central Valley line. Even with such a bylaw we have been advised that a train engineer can if in his opinion there is a hazard on the track, sound his whistle. With the number of vehicle violations at the level crossing at Sperling Avenue it is a very distinct possibility that the train engineers will continue to use their whistles. It should also be recognized that any anti-train whistle bylaw will not resolve the basic complaint of a stopped train idling in the area.

In regard to the status of the B.N.R.R. Overpass, this item is presently under review by the Municipal Council. Upon completion of this review we will be in a position to advise as to location and possible construction schedule.


MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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