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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	54
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 09 02

RE: LETTER FROM MR. VLADIMIR LINDER  
 3804 YALE STREET, BURNABY, B.C. V5C 1P6  
 A. TRAFFIC BARRICADES IN THE BURNABY HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD  
 B. HASTINGS STREET COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW AND BURNABY HEIGHTS  
 NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY PROGRESS REPORT

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Mr. Vladimir Linder in his letter to Council advises that he and a number of other residents in Burnaby Heights are opposed to "the barricading of a considerable number of our main streets and lanes which provide us with access to Vancouver and the adjacent areas of Burnaby". This particular matter is presently under review together with a number of other interests and concerns that have been expressed by residents in the area. As noted in the following report from the Director of Planning, continuing participation by the residents and inputs from them will provide a basis for recommendations on traffic control which will, in due course, be submitted to Council for consideration.

Responses to questionnaires in the Burnaby Heights and Willingdon Heights neighbourhoods are available in the Planning Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO:	MUNICIPAL MANAGER	PLANNING DEPARTMENT
FROM:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING	1980 AUGUST 27
SUBJECT:	A. LETTER DATED 1980 AUGUST 20 FROM MR. VLADIMIR LINDER TRAFFIC BARRICADES IN THE BURNABY HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD	
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Mr. Vladimir Linder, 3804 Yale Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 1P6, and the petitioners be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT

Appearing on the Council Agenda of 1980 September 02 is a letter and petition from Mr. Vladimir Linder expressing opposition to the possible placement of traffic barricades in the Burnaby Heights neighbourhood. The concern expressed by Mr. Linder, who is a member of the North Burnaby Study Transportation Sub-Committee, is a response to the neighbourhood transportation planning work which is presently underway in the Burnaby Heights and Willingdon Heights areas. Specifically, Mr. Linder's petition expresses the feelings of some Burnaby Heights residents toward one of the traffic control options which is being discussed by residents of the area.

In order to place the traffic control options and Mr. Linder's petition in perspective, it would be appropriate to provide Council with a brief progress report on the review of Community Plan Area "A" and the adjoining Neighbourhood studies.

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Late in 1979, Council authorized the Planning Department to work with the residents of the area on a review of Community Plan "A" (Hastings Street Area) and on the preparation of neighbourhood plans for the two adjacent neighbourhoods, Burnaby Heights and Willingdon Heights.

Initial contacts were made with the North Burnaby Residents Association, the Willingdon Heights N.I.P. Committee, the North Slope Ratepayers' Association, and the Hastings-Sunrise Planning staff. A questionnaire was prepared with the assistance of some citizen group representatives and distributed through the mail to all residents of the area. A total of 755 questionnaires were returned which represented a 17% response rate. The percentage and distribution of responses is considered a representative sample of the area. The results of the questionnaire are attached to the Council Members' Agendas.

While the questionnaire was being distributed, all residents of the area were invited to a public meeting to discuss their concerns and to establish a resident planning committee. The meeting was held on 1980 February 27 with approximately 300 residents attending. From this meeting the North Burnaby Study Committee was established and weekly meetings of approximately 30 to 40 residents were held. The Committee analyzed the issues and problems of the area which were identified at the public meeting and in the questionnaire responses and prepared a listing of issues and goals for the Burnaby Heights Neighbourhood and the Hastings Street Community Plan Area (copies of the goals and issues are attached in Appendix I). The Willingdon Heights issues and goals had been completed by the N.I.P. Committee previously.

Work on the Community Plan Review is temporarily "on hold" pending the completion of the Growth Management Study which is addressing the role of the Hastings Street area in the overall Municipal growth framework.

Upon completion of public and Council discussion on the Growth Management Study, the adopted policy for the Hastings Street portion of the Plan will be used as a parameter within which a revised Community Plan will be prepared later this fall. The North Burnaby Study group will continue to be involved with staff in the preparation of a revised Community Plan.

The Neighbourhood Study while working toward a comprehensive plan has focussed on the issue of transportation, especially on traffic cutting through the neighbourhood. In pursuing this issue, the North Burnaby (Resident) Study Committee formed a Sub-Committee to investigate the problem, consider alternatives and prepare a proposed solution. Municipal transportation staff of the Planning and Engineering Departments have been working with this Sub-Committee towards a solution. At this point in time, the Transportation Sub-Committee is preparing a proposal for consideration of the main study group which involves barricades. The proposal is intended to form the basis of discussion in the neighbourhood which will involve all residents and Municipal Planning and Engineering staff. It is important to note that the North Burnaby Study Committee has adopted an approval process for transportation proposals to ensure that all residents are given an opportunity to input to and comment on any proposals. That process is:

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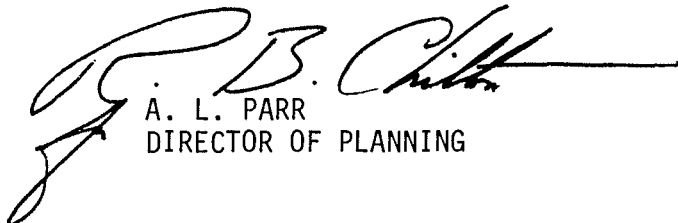
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1. Any proposed solution to the traffic problems will be forwarded to Municipal transportation staff for consideration and comment.
2. The proposal along with staff and Transportation Sub-Committee comments would be presented to the North Burnaby Study Committee.
3. If the North Burnaby Study Committee supports the proposal, it would be mailed to all homeowners and residents in the area.
4. One or two public meetings would be held to discuss the proposal and determine if residents of the area support it.
5. If the proposal is supported, it would then be forwarded through staff to Municipal Council for consideration.

In light of this approval process for transportation proposals and the fact that Municipal staff are involved on an ongoing basis with the North Burnaby Study Committee and the Transportation Sub-Committee, staff will ensure that the concerns of Mr. Linder and some of his neighbours are considered by the Resident Committee and that all residents of the area are given ample opportunity to comment on any proposal prior to its recommendation to Council.

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Attachments

cc: Municipal Engineer  
Secretary, Traffic & Safety Committee

  
A. L. PARR  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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APPENDIX I

NORTH BURNABY STUDY  
DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN ISSUES (NOT RANKED)

1. Height of future buildings
2. Density of future development
3. Traffic congestion in whole area
4. Lack of parking near Hastings Street shops
5. Need to maintain the existing character of the neighbourhood
6. Preservation of views
7. Need for more and better shops on Hastings Street
8. Need for upgrading the environment on Hastings Street
9. Limiting the impacts of growth to the Hastings area
10. Accommodation of a proportion of Burnaby's growth
11. Promote small independent businesses on Hastings rather than "malls" (goal)
12. Interference or conflict between Community Plan development on the adjacent neighbourhood
13. Make the new plan easier to implement (goal)  
e.g. through smaller lot consolidations

1980 May 27

NORTH BURNABY STUDY

COMMUNITY PLAN GOALS

1. Minimize the conflict with the existing neighbourhood in terms of land use, scale, views and traffic.
2. Encourage redevelopment which is in keeping with the goals of the community.
3. Plan should provide for ongoing public input during the implementation process.
4. Have the Hastings Street area serve the needs of the local neighbourhoods (e.g. shopping, service, etc.):
  - a) promote the small independent business character of Hastings Street.
  - b) improve the pedestrian amenities/environment (e.g. canopies, trees, beautification, widen sidewalks).
  - c) provide more parking for shops.
5. Improve the traffic flow of both vehicles and pedestrians on Hastings Street.
6. Encourage multi-use development of Hastings Street; i.e. shops, offices and housing.
7. Provide accommodation for senior citizens in the Community Plan Area.

1980 June 04

NORTH BURNABY STUDYBURNABY HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES

The following list of Neighbourhood Issues represents the consensus reached by the North Burnaby Resident Study Committee on 1980 May 07; and is based on comments made at public meetings, responses to the North Burnaby Community Questionnaire and discussions of the Resident Committee. The first order issues are considered the most important.

I. FIRST ORDER ISSUES

- \* Thru traffic/traffic noise/on-street parking
- \* Air pollution/"refinery" smell
- \* Neglected properties
- \* Threat of change to the character of the neighbourhood
- \* Proximity to industry/relationship to industrial hazard
- \* Future development of the Hastings Street Community Plan Area
- \* High voltage wires through the neighbourhood
- \* Citizen involvement in planning

II. SECOND ORDER ISSUES

- \* Poor bus service
- \* Lack of a community centre and/or swimming pool
- \* Unfinished streets lacking curbs, sidewalks or street lights
- \* Vandalism
- \* Traffic congestion on main streets

III. THIRD ORDER ISSUES

- \* Nuisance from dogs and cats
- \* Admiral Hotel
- \* Overhead wiring
- \* Large duplexes and fourplexes
- \* Illegal suites and rental-properties
- \* Trail bike noise in Montrose Park
- \* Lack of upkeep and development in Burnaby Heights and McGill Park

NORTH BURNABY STUDY

BURNABY HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GOALS

The following Neighbourhood Goals represent the consensus reached by the North Burnaby Resident Study Committee on 1980 May 07, and are based on the responses to the North Burnaby Community Questionnaire and discussions of the Resident Committee. The Goals as presented are not prioritized.

Goal \* MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE PRESENT LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The aspects of the residential character which the neighbourhood feels are important include the stable, mature, single-family nature and the generally well-kept, pleasant atmosphere. Quietness was a quality often mentioned and considered historically an important part of the neighbourhood character. Implementation of this goal would involve solidifying the neighbourhood boundaries and eliminating any disruption or threats.

Goal \* MAINTAIN AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY SPIRIT, IDENTITY & NEIGHBOURLINESS

Many people feel that Burnaby Heights has historically "felt" like a community and has had considerable community spirit with friendly neighbours. This is considered very important and seen to be a key in preserving the neighbourhood. A community centre or pool considered a prime means of improving community identity and spirit. Also, a community police team is seen as a means of improving community relations and reducing vandalism.

Goal \* IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL (AESTHETIC) APPEARANCE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

This involves such things as finishing the streets which lack curbs or sidewalks, or have a ditch, improving the upkeep of public open space and parks, and the placing of overhead wiring underground.

Goal \* ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF NEGLECTED PROPERTIES

The lack of upkeep by some residents of the area is seen by many residents as an imposition and detraction from the overall appearance and quality of the area.

Goal \* IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

This includes both air and noise pollution and refers in large part to noxious smells from industry.

Goal \* PRESERVE VIEWS

Burnaby Heights has exceptional views primarily north and south which residents place considerable value on and wish protected.

Goal \* ELIMINATE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS THROUGH TRAFFIC AND ON-STREET PARKING

Traffic problems focus on commuter traffic passing through the area and on parking resulting from the P.N.E., trucks and recreational vehicles.

Goal \* PROVIDE A MAJOR RECREATION FACILITY FOR ALL AGES AND IMPROVE THE USABILITY OF EXISTING PARKS

Many people have mentioned a desire for a swimming pool in Confederation Park and the possibility of a community centre. Also the improvement of existing parks complete with the introduction of walking/jogging trails was considered important.



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Goal \* IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TO AND THE CONDITION OF THE HASTINGS STREET AREA AND MAINTAIN AND ENCOURAGE ITS VILLAGE CHARACTER.

A primary concern of the Burnaby Heights neighbourhood is how the neighbourhood relates to Hastings Street. Residents feel the small scale friendly village nature of the shopping area should be preserved. Also, there is considerable concern regarding the scale of development along Hastings Street and how it relates to the scale of the neighbourhood.

Goal \* IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC TRANSIT

This refers to both local bus service and rapid transit linking Burnaby Heights to downtown Vancouver and other areas.

North Burnaby Study Committee 1980 May 07

