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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 32

COUNCIL MEETING 1980 04 28

Re: LETTER FROM MRS. H. J. SALE, BOX 182, FORT SMITH, N.W.T., XOE OPO WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1980 APRIL 21 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4e) REGARDING BARRIERS ON CANADA WAY.

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mrs. H. J. Sale, Box 182, Fort Smith, N.W.T., XOE OPO regarding barriers on Canada Way. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer be adopted; and
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Secretary, Traffic Safety Committee.

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TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM:

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: BARRIERS ON CANADA WAY

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mrs. H.J. Sale, Box 182, Fort Smith, N.W.T., XOE 0P0, be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT

Reference the submission from Mrs. H.J. Sale of Box 182, Fort Smith, North West Territories, XOE 0P0.

The suggestion contained in Mrs. Sale's letter that Buckingham Street be made a one-way road with access only from Sperling Avenue would only bring about the condition that precipitated the whole affair, the use of Buckingham by homeward bound motorists living just outside the immediate area.

In response to the comment of an unimpeded access for all emergency vehicles to the Deer Lake Area we would advise that a report on this item has been presented to the Secretary of the Traffic and Safety Committee, however the Committee has resolved to entertain no more inputs related to the subject barricades until its 1980 June meeting. At that time the subject of emergency vehicle access will again be considered.

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In response to the comment related to the ignoring of stop signs on Buckingham at Haszard as being fatuous we would say from our experience that unwarranted stop signs are soon recognized by the motoring public and then ignored. Even with rigid enforcement, one only has to think for a moment of what it will mean to people living close by when 95% of the traffic that formally drove through the intersection and was soon gone now has to stop and then change gears and start up again. Not only will there be an increase in noise but the intersection will appear to be experiencing a large increase in traffic because there is always a vehicle in it. It won't be, it will only appear to be. Also the lack of respect for the control will increase the hazard within the intersection.

In summary we find the letter has raised points that have either been considered before or are to be considered at the June meeting of the Traffic and Safety Committee.

UNICIPAL ENGINEER

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c.c. () Traffic Supervisor