

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

File: 20-2

Madam/Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Request for a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Canada Way and Beta Avenue

Recommendations:

- (a) "That the request for a pedestrian signal at the intersection of Canada Way and Beta Avenue be denied.
- (b) That Mr. G.R. Phillips, Superintendent, Buildings/Grounds and Maintenance, Pacific Vocational Institute, 3650 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3H1, be sent a copy of this report."

R E P O R T

A letter dated 1981 February 18, was received from Mr. G.R. Phillips, Superintendent, Building/Grounds and Maintenance, Pacific Vocational Institute, 3650 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., requesting installation of a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Canada Way and Beta Avenue.

This matter was referred to the Municipal Engineer who reported as follows:

"Reference the letter from Mr. G.R. Phillips, Superintendent, Building/Grounds and Maintenance, Pacific Vocational Institute.

At the present time there are no warrants for a pedestrian signal at the subject intersection. The warrant for a pedestrian signal calls for a minimum of 150 pedestrians per hour for eight hours of the day in the major crosswalk. From observations it has been found that there are only two short periods of the day when there is any appreciable numbers of pedestrians crossing Canada Way at Beta Avenue. For a short period in the morning and again in the afternoon. The majority of these pedestrians are B.C.I.T. and P.V.I. students who are parking on the streets and on vacant Municipal land in the industrial area on the north side of Canada Way.

As development proceeds in the vacant land between Canada Way and the Trans-Canada Highway, which will have its only access via Canada Way and Beta Avenue, it is anticipated that the volume of vehicles generated will warrant a full vehicular/pedestrian traffic signal. This however is probably a couple of years in the future.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- (i) That the request for a pedestrian signal at the intersection of Canada Way and Beta Avenue be denied.

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- (ii) That Mr. G.R. Phillips, Superintendent, Building/Grounds and Maintenance, Pacific Vocational Institute, be sent a copy of this report."
2. Request for a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Waltham Avenue and Kingsway

Recommendations:

- (a) "That the request for a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Kingsway and Waltham Avenue be denied.
- (b) That Mrs. C. Sherdahl, Suite #129 - 6038 Imperial Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 5A5, be sent a copy of this report."

R E P O R T

A letter dated 1981 April 29, was received from Mrs. C. Sherdahl, Suite #129 - 6038 Imperial Street, Burnaby, B.C., requesting the installation of a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Waltham Avenue and Kingsway.

This matter was referred to the Municipal Engineer who reported as follows:

"Reference the Clerk's memo of 1981 May 05, and the most recent submission of Mrs. C. Sherdahl, Suite #129 - 6038 Imperial Street, Burnaby, B.C., dated 1981 April 29.

Mrs. C. Sherdahl has written to the Traffic Safety Committee in the past requesting marked crosswalks at the intersection of Kingsway and Waltham Avenue. These requests have been investigated and reports submitted to the Traffic Safety Committee.

As there has been no change in the traffic pattern that would alter the previous low warrant rating we must again recommend against installation of the requested signal or marked crosswalk.

In regard to the establishment of a marked crosswalk on the west leg of Kingsway at Imperial mentioned in our previous report, we would advise that the Ministry of Highways have held off on this feature until they up-grade this signal, part of which will be to increase the total signal cycle from 60 to 70 seconds. This will enable them to give added walk time to the Kingsway crosswalks. We were unable to get a date when this would happen as they are at present in the process of up-grading signals on Kingsway at 10th Avenue, at Edmonds Street and at McKay Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- (i) That the request for a marked crosswalk across Kingsway at Waltham Avenue be denied.
- (ii) That Mrs. C. Sherdahl, Suite #129 - 6038 Imperial Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 5A5, be sent a copy of this report."
3. Parking complaint - 6076 Walker Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

Recommendations:

- (a) "That the owner of 6076 Walker Avenue, Mr. R. McMynn, be advised that the culvert crossing to the illegal parking area in his front yard is to be removed.
- (b) That following notification to Mr. R. McMynn, the Municipality of Burnaby remove the culvert and crossing.
- (c) That Helen I. McCurragh, 6079 Walker Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 3B5, be sent a copy of this report."

R E P O R T

A letter dated 1980 October 05, was received from Helen I. McCurragh, 6079 Walker Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., expressing concern regarding the use of the property at 6076 Walker Avenue as a rendezvous for buses and their drivers.

This matter was referred to the Municipal Engineer who reported, as follows:

"The Traffic Safety Committee on 1981 January 21, considered the complaint of Helen I. McCurragh regarding the use of the property at 6076 Walker Avenue as a rendezvous for buses and their drivers. There are a number of bylaws that can be used for enforcement depending on where the buses park, on the public street or on private property.

Street Parking

Should the buses in question be parked on the street, then the Royal Canadian Mounted Police can enforce the following sections of the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw 4299.

Section 13 (5)

'No person shall park a vehicle over 8,000 lbs. G.V.W. for more than 2 hours between the hours of 1:00 O'clock in the morning and 6:00 O'clock in the morning on any street.'

Section 13 (3) (e)

'No person shall park a vehicle over 30,000 lbs. G.V.W. on any street other than a truck route unless such vehicle is being operated in compliance with this bylaw.'

Private Property Parking

Vehicles parking on private property are regulated by the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, and enforcement is the responsibility of either the Licence Department or the Building Department, depending on the particular section being violated.

In brief, the Zoning Bylaw states that no vehicles shall be parked in the required front yard if access is available to either side-yard or the rear yard.

6076 Walker Avenue has access to the rear yard via the lane.

On each of about six checks made in the past month it has been noted that a bus has been parked on the driveway that leads from Walker Avenue to the closed front of what had been a carport. This was turned into a family room about two years ago and no longer can be used for vehicle parking. The distance along the driveway from the closed carport to the front property line is about 20 feet, thus placing the parked bus in the required front yard. This then makes the parked bus in violation of the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw.

A local improvement for curbs will be initiated later this year and if approved by the property owners no access will be given to this illegal parking area.

In the meantime, and in the event the local improvement is not approved, the existing culvert and crossover of the Municipal ditch should be removed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- (i) That the owner of 6076 Walker Avenue, Mr. R. McMynn, be advised that the culvert crossing to the illegal parking area in his front yard is to be removed.
- (ii) That following notification to Mr. R. McMynn, the Municipality of Burnaby remove the culvert and crossing.
- (iii) That Helen I. McCurragh, 6079 Walker Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 3B5, be sent a copy of this report."

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman F.G. Randall,  
Acting Chairman

Alderman D.N. Brown

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