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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	9
COUNCIL MEETING	1981 02 02

RE: LETTER FROM BRADSON MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1981 JANUARY 26 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5d)
 LOWERED CURBS AT CORONADO DRIVE AND CAPISTRANO DRIVE

The following report from the Municipal Engineer is in response to a letter from Mr. J. P. Daem, Property Manager for Bradson Management Services, Inc., which appeared on last week's agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 81 01 27
 FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
 SUBJECT: BRADSON MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.
 LOWERED CURBS AT CORONADO DRIVE AND CAPISTRANO DRIVE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the present policy related to the installation of wheelchair ramps be retained.
2. THAT the above report be sent to Bradson Management Services Inc. of 5369 Kingsway, Burnaby, B. C., V5H 2G1.

REPORT

Under the present Council policy wheelchair ramps are installed in sidewalks adjacent commercial, recreational or institutional zonings where a new sidewalk is being constructed or where an existing sidewalk is being reconstructed.

It is our intention to install wheelchair drops on Phillips Avenue at Montecito, Coronado, Capistrano and Halifax Streets in conjunction with the construction of the new sidewalk. The decision to install these ramps was the proximity of the golf course, Swedish Rest Home and the developing commercial area north of Halifax Street, all three meeting the zoning requirements of the wheelchair ramp policy.

At the Council meeting of 1981 January 26 a question was raised related to the problems encountered by the blind when approaching such ramps. We checked with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and were advised that if the ramp and its connection with the street pavement was smooth, a blind person would have difficulty in ascertaining that they were on a wheelchair ramp. Our ramps are built with a 1/2 - 3/4 inch lip at the gutter which a blind person can detect with their cane when coming off the street. We intend to change the surface texture of the ramp so that a blind person entering the ramp from the sidewalk end will be able to recognize it as a wheelchair ramp. The above design feature is approved by the C.N.I.B.


 MUNICIPAL ENGINEER