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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RE: Direction From Council On North Burnaby Traffic Matters
And Meeting With The Minister Of Highways

Madam and Gentlemen:

Council will recall the following resolutions by Council:

1982 May 25

"THAT the area bounded by Edinburgh Street to the North, Hastings Street to the South, Boundary Road to the West and Willingdon Avenue to the East, be canvassed to determine if the residents would favour a one-way street system for their area which would designate Gilmore Avenue as the dividing line, and designate the streets between Boundary Road and Willingdon Avenue "one way only" as noted on Sketch 3 attached to the report of the Traffic Safety Committee."

Arising out of Council's discussion of this subject, the following motion was adopted:

"THAT this matter be referred back to the Traffic Safety Committee for a report with regard to the experience with this type of traffic control in Ottawa, Ontario, and the finalized plan and the Director Engineering submit his comments on this proposal as well."

1982 May 31

You will recall that Mr. B. H. Buchannon appeared before Council as a delegation on 1982 May 31 concerning the traffic problems presently being encountered on Curtis/Parker Streets and the proposed widening of Parker Street at Holdom Avenue.

Arising out of Council's discussion of this subject, the following motion was adopted:

"THAT this subject matter be tabled and His Worship, The Mayor, arrange a meeting between Council, appropriate municipal staff, and the Minister of Transportation and Highways and his staff, at which time the question of excessive traffic volumes on Curtis/Parker Streets can be fully discussed and an equitable solution found to the existing problems."

1982 May 31

Arising out of Council's discussion of Mrs. A.L. Smith's submission (Vice-President of the Gilmore School Council), the following motion was adopted:

"THAT His Worship, Mayor Lewarne, initiate a meeting with the residents of the Burnaby Heights area to obtain citizen input, discussion and debate, and to get a general consensus of the wishes of the majority of the residents to determine which, if any, traffic control schemes are desired to overcome the traffic problems in the area."

I have been in touch with Mr. Jess Ketchum, Executive Assistant to the Highways Minister, to arrange a meeting as swiftly as possible. Because of the size of the group, it would require this meeting to be held in Burnaby. Since the Provincial House is in session at the present time, this meeting cannot take place until mid-August unless we are prepared to take a smaller group to Victoria to meet with the Minister.

To bring these matters to a head with total information, I would suggest that we, as a Council, send a questionnaire out to the citizens in the area bounded by Hastings Street to the South, Boundary Road to the West, Edinburgh Street to the North and Willingdon Avenue to the East, to determine if the residents

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favour any traffic control measures to restrict traffic through their area. A method such as the Brentwood Park questionnaire is suggested (copy attached).

The Planning and Building Inspection Department and the Engineering Department, consulting with the Traffic Safety Committee, could give several options for the citizens if they wish traffic control measures. These would be included in the survey so that an expression of opinion could be obtained from the residents.

The availability of this information could be favourable for the Highways Minister's meeting. Therefore, I would suggest the following recommendations:

- (1) THAT the meeting with the Highways Minister be held in Burnaby in the latter part of August.
- (2) THAT the traffic Safety Committee, Transportation Committee, Council and Staff, be invited to this meeting.
- (3) THAT a questionnaire, rather than a public meeting, be authorized for the areas mentioned, i.e. Edinburgh Street to the North, Hastings Street to the South, Boundary Road to the West and Willingdon Avenue to the East.
- (4) THAT the Planning and Building Inspection Department and the Engineering Department, in consultation with the Traffic Safety Committee, prepare a draft of the aforementioned questionnaire for the consideration of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment.