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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1983 July 11
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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Madam/Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Kincaid Street and Godwin Avenue - Parking Restrictions

Recommendations:

- (a) "THAT Mr. J.A.C. Burman, #301 - 5895 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 4H9, Rosemary Brown, M.L.A., Burnaby-Edmonds, 6340 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., and the petitioners be sent copies of this report.
- (b) THAT the requests for cancellation of issued tickets, installation of angle parking on Godwin Avenue and advance notification of future enforcement be denied.
- (c) THAT Council request staff to review the parking requirements for senior citizen housing complexes.

REPORT

A letter and petition dated 1983 May 14 was received from Mr. J.A.C. Burman, #301 - 5895 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 4H9, requesting the cancellation of issued parking tickets and the introduction of lined angle parking on the entire length of the west side of Godwin Avenue, through the crescent to Kincaid Street and along the south side of Kincaid to its end, with parallel parking only on the east side of Godwin Avenue and the north side of Kincaid Street, and also requesting advance notification of any future enforcement.

A letter dated 1983 May 13 was received from Rosemary Brown, M.L.A., Burnaby-Edmonds, 6340 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 1C5 advising that she heartily endorses and supports the letter and petition from Mr. J.A.C. Burman.

The Traffic Safety Committee at its meeting held on 1983 June 28 entertained a delegation, Mr. J.A.C. Burman, #301 - 5895 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C., regarding the above mentioned subject.

This matter was referred to the Director Engineering who reported as follows:

"The regulations which were enforced within the 5800 and 5900 Blocks Kincaid and the 3800 and 3900 Blocks Godwin on 1983 April 28 probably included the following Provincial Motor Vehicle Act Sections:
(1) Section 190(1)(a)

'... a person shall not stop, stand or park a vehicle on a sidewalk or boulevard ...'.

This regulation is also contained within the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw, Section 13(2)(a).

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(2) Section 191

'... a driver shall not stop, stand or park a vehicle on a roadway other than on the right side of the roadway and with the right hand wheels parallel to that side ...'

Section 14(1) of the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw contains a similar restriction.

(3) Section 189(2)(b) and (c)

'Police may move parked vehicle ... when an unattended vehicle is ... apparently abandoned on or near a highway; or without proper or valid number plate ...'.

It has been this latter regulation which has resulted in the enforcement of the former two in that local residents complain about lack of parking due to unlicensed and derelict vehicles parked within the right-of-way. When investigating these complaints the enforcement officers are obliged to issue tickets to all violators or be accused of discrimination.

In this particular instance the complaint originated with the Manager of the apartments in the vicinity who complained to a Licence Inspector. The Licence Department relayed the complaint to the R.C.M.P. and warning notices were placed on the unlicensed and derelict vehicles on April 02.

The suggestion that the tickets be cancelled is not supported by either ourselves or the R.C.M.P. in that the regulations are contained within the Motor Vehicle Act. It is the responsibility of every holder of a valid driver's licence and every owner of a licensed vehicle to be aware of the regulations contained within this Act. For similar reasons the posting of '... notices several days in advance ...' before enforcement is not necessary. For the previous paragraph it would appear that some of those vehicles illegally parked were given approximately 26 days notice and still ignored the warning.

If prior notification was a requirement of enforcement of all regulations the workload of the enforcement officers would at least double. Charges of discrimination would increase as those persons not receiving warning tickets would feel they were unfairly treated if they were subsequently charged with an offence.

The statement contained within the petition: '... we would expect some provision for adequate parking on the streets to be made available ...' implies that the responsibility for providing legal parking rests with the Municipality. The Municipality cannot accept responsibility for providing parking in that the demand for parking fluctuates erratically. Also, the Municipality frequently is required to either ban or restrict parking for purposes of traffic safety, traffic movement, emergency vehicle access, etc. which, if we were obliged to replace with parking within a reasonable distance, would prove virtually impossible.

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Regardless of who is responsible for the provision of parking, the suggestion that the conversion of the east side of Godwin Street to an angle parking lot would not inconvenience anyone is not supported by this Department. Angle parking requires the vehicles leaving their stalls to back into traffic, including pedestrian traffic, travelling within the roadway. People going either to or from their cars would have to walk behind the parked cars or cross the roadway at a location other than a legal crosswalk. These two situations result in an increased accident potential.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. THAT Mr. J.A.C. Burman and Rosemary Brown be sent copies of this report.
2. THAT the requests for cancellation of issued tickets, installation of angle parking on Godwin Avenue, and advance notification for future enforcement be denied."

2. Carrigan Court and Cardston Court

Recommendations:

- (a) "THAT the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Carrigan Court and Cardston Court be denied.
- (b) THAT the request for a no parking restriction on the east side of Carrigan Court be denied.
- (c) THAT the petitioners be sent a copy of this report."

REPORT

A memorandum dated 1983 May 17 was received from the Director Engineering who reported as follows:

"The Engineering Department is in receipt of a petition requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Carrigan Court and Cardston Court. The subject intersection is an 'L' shaped intersection and according to our records has never had a reported accident. It is our opinion that a stop sign erected to stop traffic on either leg would receive very poor compliance from motorists and could in fact create an accident condition if the left turners mentioned in the petition were to presume all vehicles would stop.

In regard to the request to prohibit parking on the east side of Carrigan Court we would point out again that there has been no accident history to justify such a restriction. Under the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw vehicles are not allowed to park within 20 feet of the corner property line.

In summary we would advise that there are no warrants for either the requested stop sign or the parking restrictions. Vehicles on a public highway wishing to make a left turn are required by law to yield to other traffic on the highway.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. THAT the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Carrigan Court and Cardston Court be denied.

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2. THAT the request for a no parking restriction on the east side of Carrigan Court be denied.
3. THAT the petitioners be sent a copy of this report".
3. Request for Installation of "No Parking" Signing in Lane Behind 6176 McMurray Avenue

Recommendations:

- (a) "THAT the request for 'No Parking' signing be denied.
- (b) THAT the R.C.M.P. be requested to take whatever enforcement action is necessary to resolve the complaint.
- (c) THAT Miss L.L.J. Akerman, 6176 McMurray Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 3E6 be sent a copy of this report".

REPORT

A letter dated 1983 May 17 from Miss L.L.J. Akerman, 6176 McMurray Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 3E6 requesting the installation of no parking signing in the lane behind her property at 6176 McMurray Avenue.

This matter was referred to the Director Engineering who reported as follows:

"Under Section 13(3)(a) of the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw it is illegal to park in a lane.

'Section 13(3)(a). No person shall park a vehicle in or upon a lane.'

As the above restriction applies to all lanes in the Municipality it is unnecessary to sign the restriction, in fact we were to sign one lane we could weaken or negate the enforcement of parking in other lanes unless they too were signed.

From the contents of Miss Akerman's submission it appears the owner of the offending vehicle and trailer is well aware of the restriction on parking in the lane and would not be deterred from his practice of violating the bylaw simply because we put up a sign. The only solution in our opinion is enforcement even if it means towing the vehicle away each time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. THAT the request for 'No Parking' signing be denied.
2. THAT the R..C.M.P. be requested to take whatever enforcement action is necessary to resolve the complaint.
3. THAT Miss L.L.J. Akerman be sent a copy of this report."

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4. School Safety Patrol Incentive Grant

Recommendation:

- (a) "THAT a School Safety Patrol Incentive Grant in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) be forwarded to Mr. Peter S. Boyle, Secretary-Treasurer, School District No. 41 - Burnaby for the School Safety Patrol Incentive Program for the school year 1982/1983."

REPORT

A letter dated 1983 June 01 was received from Mr. Peter S. Boyle, Secretary-Treasurer, School District No. 41 - Burnaby, 5325 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 1W2 requesting a grant in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the School Safety Patrol Incentive Program for the school year 1982/1983.

As a result of your Committee's consideration with respect to this matter, the abovementioned recommendation is submitted.

5. Request for Stop Signs - Intersection of Grimmer Street and Burlington Avenue:

Recommendations:

- (a) "THAT stop signs be placed on Grimmer Street giving the right-of-way to Burlington Avenue.
- (b) THAT Mrs. Naomi Powers, #309 - 6587 Burlington Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 3M6 be sent a copy of this report."

REPORT

A letter and petition with 13 signatures dated 1983 May 27 was received from Mrs. Naomi Powers, #309 - 6587 Burlington Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 3M6 requesting the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Grimmer Street and Burlington Avenue.

This matter was referred to the Director Engineering who reported as follows:

"In response to the request for stop signs at the captioned intersection, we feel the installation of stop signs would be appropriate for the following reasons:

1. Accident statistics show these signs would be warranted.
2. Construction of new high-rise apartment will raise traffic volumes.

Upon investigation of the request we first looked at accident statistics. Over the past three years accidents which could have been prevented by a stop sign were as follows:

1982 - 7 right-angle collisions
1981 - 7 right-angle collisions
1980 - 3 right-angle collisions

As of 83 05 31 there have been 2 right-angle collisions reported at this intersection.

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Under the present warrant system, which requires three accidents per year over the past three years of a type preventable by stop signs, i.e. right-angle collisions, this intersection easily meets the warrant.

As well as meeting the statistical warrant based on accidents, traffic volume should be increasing as a result of the new high-rise apartment on Burlington Avenue which is due for completion in July of this year, as mentioned in Mrs. Power's petition of 83 05 27.

At the present time Grimmer Street has a higher volume of traffic but we feel Marlborough Avenue traffic will surpass that of Grimmer as a result of the new high-rise on Burlington Avenue.

We therefore feel that the stop sign should be placed on Grimmer Street in order to allow Burlington Avenue the right-of-way.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. THAT stop signs be placed on Grimmer Street giving the right-of-way to Burlington Avenue.
 2. THAT Mrs. Naomi Powers be sent a copy of this report."
6. Kingsway and Marlborough Avenue
- Recommendations:
- (a) "THAT the request for signalization of Kingsway and Marlborough Avenue be denied.
 - (b) THAT B.C. Telephone Company, Health and Safety Committee, Burnaby DAISY, #210 - 5021 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 4A5 be sent a copy of this report."

REPORT

A letter dated 1983 May 20 was received from B.C. Telephone Company, Health and Safety Committee, Burnaby DAISY, #210 - 5021 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 4A5 requesting the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Kingsway and Marlborough Avenue.

This matter was referred to the Director Engineering who reported as follows:

"The subject of signalizing the captioned intersection was presented in a report to this Committee at its meeting of 1983 April 26.

A response from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways on the same subject was presented as an information item to this Committee.

In summary we must advise that the question of installing a signal at the intersection of Kingsway and Marlborough Avenue has been investigated and that the required warrants for signalization were not met.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. THAT the request for signalization of Kingsway and Marlborough Avenue be denied.
2. THAT the B.C. Telephone Company, Burnaby DAISY, 210 - 5021 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., be sent a copy of this report."

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman A.H. Emmott,
Chairman

Alderman E. Nikolai,
Member

