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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 36  
COUNCIL MEETING 1983 05 16

RE: LETTER FROM PETITIONERS WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
1983 MAY 02 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4a)  
OPENING PORTION OF WEDGEWOOD STREET ROAD ALLOWANCE AS LANE

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 83 05 11  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT: OPENING PORTION OF WEDGEWOOD STREET ROAD ALLOWANCE AS LANE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the portion of Wedgewood Street road allowance from the existing opened section to Fourth Street be constructed as a lane with a cul-de-sac or hammerhead at the Fourth Street end.
2. THAT the established Local Improvement procedure be utilized to construct the lane.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the petitioners.

REPORT:

A petition from the abutting owners requesting the opening of the currently-unopened 33-foot wide portion of Wedgewood Street as lane was received by Council at its meeting of 83 05 02. Staffs of both the Planning and Building Inspection and Engineering Departments have reviewed this request.

The Planning and Building Inspection Department has no objection to the request, and, in the Department's opinion, the opening of the lane would have no detrimental effect on the development of the abutting proposed Greater Vancouver Regional District Housing Project.


The Engineering Department does not have any objection in principle to the allowance being opened as a lane but there are serious reservations about it being opened as a through lane. If we were to do so, we could be encouraging "neighbourhood rat-running" which would be contrary to a previous Council decision. On 1978 04 18, the Municipality placed concrete barricades on Sixth Street at Edmonds Street to prevent northbound Sixth Street traffic from shortcutting through the neighbourhood to gain access to Canada Way. With the opening of Wedgewood Street, even as a lane allowance, we could expect a return of at least some of the previous "rat-running" through this neighbourhood, which in turn could jeopardize an acceptable current situation meeting with general public acceptance.

In summary, the Engineering Department recommends that the Wedgewood Street road allowance be opened to a lane standard from the existing Wedgewood Street eastward to a cul-de-sac or hammerhead at Fourth Street end and that the established Local Improvement procedure be used for this purpose. Your Director Engineering has reviewed the cost/benefit aspects of the project and has concluded that the benefit of the lane to the abutting owners justifies the creation of a lane with a turn-around and the use of the established Local Improvement procedure for this purpose.

Attachment

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cc: Director Planning &

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

