

RE: LETTER FROM M. L. MACDONELL WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
1983 APRIL 05 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4e)
DITCH IN LANE BEHIND 3845 KINCAID STREET

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: DITCH IN LANE BEHIND 3845 KINCAID STREET, BURNABY

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mrs. M.L. Macdonell, 3845 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 1V6, be given a copy of this report.

REPORT:

Mrs. M.L. Macdonell has requested on several occasions that the ditch in the lane behind her property be filled in.

We can find no good reason to fill and pipe this ditch and are reluctant to do so, not for financial reasons since the cost would be minimal, but rather because the filling of the ditch would further reduce drainage facilities in the lane including adequate drainage facilities for the private properties abutting the lane. Other residents have made similar requests and these requests have been denied.

Over the past 25 years some residents have illegally filled and piped the ditches behind their property with varying diameters and quality of pipe; the Municipality then inherits a substandard storm sewer which has no inlet catch basins and which jeopardizes proper drainage in the lane. The ditch has not been deepened because the ditch invert is the same as the upstream and downstream culverts.

Since Mrs. Macdonell's main concern seems to be the foundations for the replacement of her fence, we are prepared to ensure that proper foundation conditions are prepared so that her fence can be rebuilt in its present location. We will work with Mrs. Macdonell toward the achievement of this end.

This action would ensure that the ditch is left open to perform its function in the overall drainage of the lane while at the same time looking after Mrs. Macdonell's concerns about her fence.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING