

ITEM 10  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 60  
COUNCIL MEETING 84/10/01

RE: LETTER FROM MR. F.K. MABBUTT, 4101 OXFORD STREET, BURNABY, B.C. V5C 1C8  
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - OXFORD STREET

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 84 09 26  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT OXFORD STREET - COMPLAINTS OF F.K. MABBUTT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT F.K. Mabbutt of 4101 Oxford Street be sent a copy of this report.

SUMMARY:

While Mr. Mabbutt appears to be of the opinion that Council is "passing the buck" when it refers traffic related complaints to the R.C.M.P., frequently this is the only option available to Council. Two of the specific complaints are the responsibility of the Engineering Department to rectify and these have been referred to the appropriate staff personnel for investigation and remedial action where required. The remainder of the complaints involve enforcement action by the R.C.M.P. and these have been referred to them.

REPORT:

In response to the six specific complaints contained in Mr. Mabbutt's letter of 84 09 24 we would report as follows:

1. "School crossing alert sign at 4323 Oxford St."

A work order has been sent to our Sign Shop to have the sign checked and to ensure that the mounting height conforms to our minimum standard of 2.1 m. (7 ft.) above a walking surface. Even with a sign mounted at this height it can be obstructed by a larger vehicle, such as a pickup truck with camper, but this would be in violation of Section 190 (1) (o) of the Motor Vehicle Act which states, in part:

"...a person shall not stop, stand or park a vehicle in a manner that obstructs the visibility of a standard traffic sign erected by or with the authority of the Minister of Transportation and Highways or a municipality."

The enforcement of this regulation is through the R.C.M.P. whether it be done by an R.C.M.P. staff member or a Municipal Parking Patrolman.

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2. "Sidewalks on both sides of Oxford Street from Gilmore to Rosser are in need of repair. Much of the damage is due to vehicles parking on the walk."

We have been aware of the problem of vehicles parking on the sidewalk for some time and we have, in the past, attempted to control this problem through enforcement by the R.C.M.P. The result of this enforcement (numerous violation notices were issued) was to incur the ire of those ticketed who alleged that the street was too narrow to permit two travel lanes and on-street parking on both sides. Solutions of relocating sidewalks and installing parking signs were rejected because of the costs involved and the possible adverse effects on volumes and speeds of traffic.

The Municipality has a policy of repairing sidewalks where conditions are such that pedestrian safety is in jeopardy. We have requested our Roads Superintendent to inspect the subject sidewalk and make any repairs deemed necessary. Complete repairs are not feasible due to the unresolved parking problems which are responsible for most of the damage and due to the unresolved issue of the final standard to which Oxford Street will ultimately be constructed.

3. "..Expired or non-existent licenses. Also vehicles under major repair or dismantle."

Again both these problems involve violations of the Motor Vehicle Act and the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw, the enforcement of which is the responsibility of the R.C.M.P.

4. "Large commercial vehicles parked overnight on residential streets."

Section 13 (5) (a) of the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw prohibits the parking of vehicles over 8,000 pounds (3,600 kg.) gross vehicle weight for more than two hours between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This Bylaw, enforceable by the R.C.M.P., is intended to control the problem as described.

5. "Excessive speeds on Hastings Street and other streets."

The only effective means of controlling speeding is through enforcement of the existing regulations. This enforcement is provided by the R.C.M.P.

6. "Suggest hiring additional staff or Municipal traffic patrols..."

Municipal staff, other than the parking patrolmen, do not have the authority to conduct enforcement of either the Motor Vehicle Act or the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw. The parking patrolmen are dispatched through the R.C.M.P., therefore any complaints regarding parking are referred to the R.C.M.P. Also, the parking patrolmen are off duty for several periods during the week and weekends, therefore R.C.M.P. staff are required to conduct enforcement during these times.

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The decision to request additional staff, whether it be R.C.M.P. members or parking patrolmen, rests with the Officer-in-charge of the Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P.

With the exception of the sign relocation and sidewalk repairs the majority of items contained in Mr. Mabbutt's letter involve enforcement of existing regulations by the Burnaby R.C.M.P. We have discussed these matters with the R.C.M.P. Traffic Section and requested their surveillance of the subject locations.

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: ( ) Traffic Supervisor  
( ) R.C.M.P. - Traffic Section

