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REPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1985 January 21

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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

A meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 1985 January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Alderman A.H. Emmott, In the Chair
Alderman Egon Nikolai
Alderman L.A. Rankin
Mr. K.R. Beedie, Burnaby Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. A.L. Smith, Parent Teacher Council
Mr. John Woods, Citizens Representative
Mr. W.B. Bennett, Metro Transit Representative
Mr. Rob Weston, B.C. Motor Transport Association
Mr. John Brucker, Burnaby Safety Council
Mr. William Anderson, Senior Citizens Representative

ABSENT:

Mr. B.J. Jones, School Board Representative

STAFF:

Sgt. J.T.A.T. Dixon, R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment
Mr. David Evans, Traffic Assistant
Mr. W.S. Scott, Transportation Planner
Mrs. M. Pasqua, Secretary

A. IMPENDING MOTOR VEHICLE CATASTROPHE - CURTIS STREET
AT STRATFORD AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. M. Kaburda, 7278 Ridge Drive, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1B5 receive a copy of the report.

R E P O R T

A letter dated 1984 October 24 was received from Mr. M. Kaburda, 7278 Ridge Drive, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1B5 regarding a traffic situation at the corner of Curtis Street and Stratford Avenue. Mr. Kaburda requested that immediate action be taken by the Burnaby R.C.M.P. in assisting with traffic control and enforcement of traffic bylaws in the area during the following hours; 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Kaburda further requested the existing parking restrictions be immediately enforced and that all parking privileges be suspended from the school side of Stratford Avenue and finally that a left turn movement from Curtis Street onto Stratford Avenue be banned.

A report dated 1984 December 10 was received from the Director Engineering in response to Mr. Kaburda's concerns, the contents of which are contained hereunder:

"Prior to receipt of a letter from M. Kaburda, 7278 Ridge Drive, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1B5, we had received a call from Mr. Wescott of the Burnaby School Board to look into the traffic conditions at the Aubrey Elementary School.

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The present French Immersion Program at this school was generating higher volumes of traffic than the normal elementary school.

On our first visit to the school we counted in excess of ninety (90) vehicles in the P.M. period arriving to pick up students. The majority parked on Stratford Avenue, filling both sides of the street from Curtis Street to south of Aubrey Street. Even the school side of Stratford Avenue that was clearly posted as a NO STOPPING zone was fully occupied by parked parents. As Stratford Avenue is a completed 28 foot curb standard, having vehicles parked adjacent both curbs leaves only about fourteen (14) feet of travelling surface. As one can imagine, the entire road surface at times was completely congested with vehicles and children.

The Engineering Department in company with the R.C.M.P., met with the principal of the school to plan a course of action that would resolve the problems we noted. With the assistance of the principal, all parents were notified that the 'No Stopping' restrictions were going to be enforced. Parents were advised that they could park on other streets in the area and that their children could walk to the car or the parents could walk to the school. To assist students in crossing Stratford Avenue the school has established school patrols at both the Curtis Street and the Aubrey Street ends.

In responding to the concern of Mr. Kaburda of the hazard of making a left turn at Curtis Street at Stratford Avenue, we would agree that there is a severe sight restriction to the west caused by the vertical curve of Curtis Street. Gaps are generated by this signal at Holdom Avenue, however, and if a driver waits for this gap he should experience a minimum of hazard in making this turn. This is borne out by the fact that there has only been one accident recorded in the past eight (8) years involving a left turn and that was at 9:00 p.m. For this reason we can see no justification for banning left turns at this intersection. In the case of Mr. Kaburda and other parents who are arriving from the east on Curtis Street, it is suggested, that as they will not be allowed to stop on the west side of Stratford Avenue, that they make their left turns at Fell Avenue and come around the block.

The actions taken have just been implemented and will be monitored over the next few months. We feel, however, that if we can receive the cooperation of the parents that the major concerns related to traffic will have been resolved.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. THAT Mr. M. Kaburda, 7278 Ridge Drive, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1B5, receive a copy of this report."

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman A.H. Emmott,
Chairman

Alderman Egon Nikolai,
Member

Alderman LA. Rankin,
Member