

RE: LETTER FROM DR. PROTHERO WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1985 OCTOBER 21
MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4 d)
CONDITION OF MUNICIPAL BOULEVARD

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1985 10 25

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: CONDITION OF MUNICIPAL BOULEVARD
LETTER FROM DR. PROTHERO, 5615 CARSON STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Dr. A.J.S. Prothero, 5615 Carson Street,
Burnaby, B.C., V5J 2Z4, receive a copy of this report.

REPORT:

Appearing on the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of 1985 October 21 was a letter from Dr. Prothero, 5615 Carson Street. Dr. Prothero expressed concern regarding the unkempt nature of the Carson Street Boulevard side of 8226 MacPherson Avenue which is across the street from the Prothero property and also regarding the view obstruction caused by trees in the immediate vicinity.

Under current Corporation policy, maintenance of boulevard areas is left up to the abutting property owner. In the event that an abutting property owner fails to maintain the boulevard in an acceptable state, the Corporation would undertake only very rough maintenance work to provide some control of the growth. This is primarily a mechanized operation utilizing a flail mower which thrashes the overgrowth with some hand work undertaken as necessary. The property owners at 8226 MacPherson Avenue have not maintained their flankage boulevard on Carson Street and arrangements have already been made to perform the rough maintenance work on the boulevard as described above.

Dr. Prothero's second concern stems from the fact that trees in the area have grown to the extent that they constitute a view obstruction. Although some of the trees in question are on private property, the boulevard opposite 5615 Carson Street contains a planted row of ornamental evergreens located well onto the road allowance and a mature maple tree straddling the property line with the trunk located barely within the road allowance as confirmed by actual survey.

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It is necessary to consider the request for the removal of these particular trees within the context of how all such requests are considered. Current Departmental practice regarding boulevard trees is to remove only those trees which are diseased, dangerous or detrimental to Municipal facilities. All the boulevard trees in question are healthy, they do not represent a hazard, and are not detrimental to Municipal facilities. The evergreens do not constitute a view obstruction for Dr. Prothero but the lone mature maple tree does. Historically, we have not cut, trimmed or removed trees to protect private views and, therefore, the maple tree does not qualify for removal. This stance is consistent with the current practice of the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding trees on Parks property.

Based on a comprehensive review of this matter, it is felt that there are no extenuating circumstances to warrant, at this time, the removal of any of the boulevard trees. This position has been communicated to Dr. Prothero on several occasions.



DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: () Director Recreation & Cultural Services