

ITEM	4
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	27
COUNCIL MEETING	85/04/09

RE: LETTER FROM PETER GREENAWAY WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE 1985 APRIL 01 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4 c)
RETAINING WALL FAILURE AT 5641 OAKLAND STREET

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1985 04 03
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: RETAINING WALL FAILURE AT 5641 OAKLAND STREET
LETTER FROM MR. PETER GREENAWAY
CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 1985 APRIL 01

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. Peter Greenaway receive a copy of this report.

REPORT:

Lengthy discussions were held between our site staff and Mr. Greenaway after the collapse of his wall and our representatives felt because of the distance from Mr. Greenaway's retaining wall to the actual work site that the Contractor's operation could not have caused the damage to the wall.

After further discussion with Mr. Greenaway we asked a principal of the consulting firm, R.F. Binnie and Associates, to provide an opinion and we quote him as follows:

"The construction work on Oakland did not appear to be the cause of the retaining wall failure. However, vibration from compactors working on the fill or a change in groundwater conditions resulting from filling work, drainage work or the new retaining wall could conceivably have contributed to the failure.

"At the time of the failure, there was a combination of frozen ground and heavy rains."

We have considered Mr. Binnie's statement and the inconveniences suffered by Mr. Peter Greenaway during the construction period and have decided that the benefit of the doubt should accrue to Mr. Greenaway and we would state that the work will be carried out as requested by Mr. Greenaway as soon as a crew is available. Mr. Greenaway has been advised of our decision.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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