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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 33
COUNCIL MEETING 86/05/20

RE: LETTER FROM MR. MEREDITH WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
1986 MAY 05TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 5 h)
DITCH ENCLOSURE

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1986/05/12
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: DITCH ENCLOSURE - 5900 HARDWICK STREET
LETTER FROM MR. MEREDITH, 5950 HARDWICK STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. E. W. Meredith, 5950 Hardwick Street, receive a copy of this report.

REPORT:

Appearing on the Agenda for the 1986 May 05 Council meeting was a letter from Mr. Meredith, 5950 Hardwick Street, requesting storm sewers be placed in the ditches of the 5900 block Hardwick Street.

No storm sewer exists on this portion of Hardwick Street and as a result storm water from the road and roof drainage from the properties presently discharge to the ditch.

For many years, we have had a policy of effecting enclosure of ditches through construction of full standard storm sewers and, conversely, of not enclosing them by simply placing pipe into existing ditch inverts. The major advantage of this policy is that we make the best use of our money, in that we do not have to do the work all over again when the street comes up for finished standard construction and we have a reliable storm water disposal facility available at an elevation that will provide adequate drainage outlets for the abutting properties. Ditch enclosure is best achieved by provision of a finished street and installation of a storm sewer as part of the local improvement procedure. In order to resolve ditch problems, the local improvement procedure should be expedited, where possible, especially in those areas where ditches are very offensive.

In general, installation of storm sewers alone without finished street construction requires that a small ditch still be left on the street for the control of local surface drainage which would otherwise be provided by curbs.

Mr. Meredith, in his correspondence, makes reference to previous communication with the Municipality. As a result of his request, in November 1982, to have the ditch enclosed in the 5900 block Hardwick, Mr. Meredith was sent a letter advising that lack of a storm sewer prohibited ditch elimination. In 1984, Mr. Meredith authored a petition by the property owners of the 5900 block Hardwick to have the area serviced by storm sewer or "...whatever is necessary to eliminate these ditches." As a result of this

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petition, the Corporation initiated a local improvement project in the 5900/6000 blocks Hardwick in 1985. This project was subsequently defeated by a majority of the property owners and therefore has not proceeded. 126

Following Mr. Meredith's latest request, staff have again reviewed the ditches in question and have concluded that there are no extenuating circumstances to warrant ditch enclosure in isolation of others in the area. The related policy was also reviewed and in the opinion of staff, no amendments to it are required in that it provides the optimum use of our available financial resources.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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