

RE: LETTER FROM MR. J.H. BEYNON WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
1986 JUNE 23 MEETING OF COUNCIL (4 h)
LANE DITCH ELIMINATION 6970 WILLINGDON AVENUE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1986 JULY 14
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: LANE DITCH ELIMINATION - 6970 WILLINGDON AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. J. H. Beynon, 6970 Willingdon Avenue, be sent a copy of this report.


R E P O R T

Appearing on the Agenda for the Council meeting of 1986 June 23 was a letter from Mr. J. H. Beynon, 6970 Willingdon Avenue wherein Mr. Beynon expressed concern regarding the condition of the lane ditch at the rear of his property (sketch attached). Staff members have discussed the Beynons' concerns with them on the site.

The ditch at the rear of Mr. Beynon's property serves to conduct the storm drainage from the lane as well as receiving house drainage from the properties on the east side of the 6900 block Willingdon Avenue. Mr. Beynon sought to have this ditch eliminated, however under present policy we were prevented from acceding to his request by the fact that no storm sewer exists in the lane. A storm sewer does exist on Willingdon Avenue and connections have been provided to serve the properties on the east side. However, in general, the roof drainage from these properties still flows to the rear lane. The ditch, therefore, cannot be eliminated without piping and such piping would be a redundancy due to the availability of a storm sewer on Willingdon Avenue.

Piping has taken place in the northerly portion of the lane, however there is a reduced lane allowance (10 feet) south of Imperial Street which prohibits conventional lane pavement and ditch construction. Staff have reviewed the situation and have not been able to identify any extenuating circumstances which would warrant special treatment. Mr. Beynon has requested supply of pest control materials in lieu of ditch elimination, however we would be unable to justify such a provision to specific property owners.

In response to Mr. Beynon's concern regarding cost sharing of the lane construction we would advise that we have no records which pertain to the original construction in the 1950's. A local improvement paving project was initiated and constructed in 1970 and all abutting property owners were assessed for their share of the work.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

