

RE: LETTER FROM MR. J. A. STRATHDEE WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
MAY 04TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4 B)
DITCH ENCLOSURE - 7300 BLOCK STANLEY STREET

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1987 MAY 12

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: DITCH ENCLOSURE - 7300 BLOCK STANLEY STREET
LETTER FROM MR. J.A. STRATHDEE, 7350 STANLEY STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. J.A. Strathdee, 7350 Stanley Street, receive a copy of this report.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the agenda for the 1987 May 04 Council meeting was a letter from Mr. Strathdee, 7350 Stanley Street, requesting storm sewers be placed in the ditches of the 7300 block Stanley, east side. No storm sewer exists on this portion of Stanley and consequently storm water from the adjacent roads and from roof drainage from the properties presently discharge into 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. Strathdee, in his correspondence makes reference to ditch enclosures in close proximity to his property. Storm sewers have been constructed in the surrounding area as a result of earlier Storm Sewer Programs and Local Improvement Paving Programs.

As a result of Mr. Strathdee's request, staff have reviewed the ditch in question and have concluded that there are no extenuating circumstances to warrant this particular ditch being enclosed. In addition, the Environmental Health

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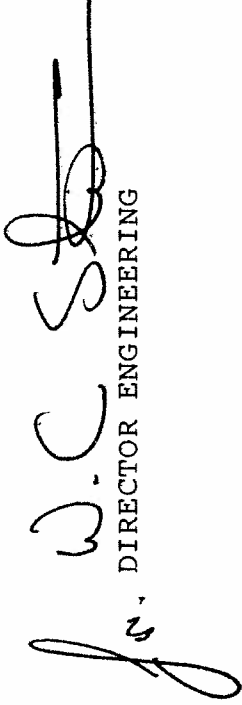
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Division has sampled the water in this ditch, and should laboratory analysis reveal that the water quality in the concerned ditch is a health hazard, immediate action will be taken to locate and remove the source. The Environmental Health Division will discuss the results of the laboratory analysis, and any action taken, with Mr. Strathdee directly.

As discussed earlier, ditches can be eliminated through street upgrading under the Local Improvement Paving program. Staff will contact Mr. Strathdee and advise him of the procedures for initiating a L.I.P. program for that section of Stanley in question.

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cc: Chief Public Health Inspector


J. W. C. STRATHDEE
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING