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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 12
COUNCIL MEETING 88/02/15

RE: WHEELCHAIR LET-DOWNS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 FEBRUARY 10
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: WHEELCHAIR LET-DOWNS

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

R E P O R T

Council, at its regular meeting of 1988 January 11, requested that the Director Engineering bring forward a report in regard to the current municipal policy relating to the provision of wheelchair let-downs.

Wheelchair let-downs are now constructed in all new sidewalks in alignment with all legal crosswalks whether painted or unpainted. This would include all intersection corners and painted mid-block crosswalks. Should new sidewalk construction be a condition of subdivision, re-zoning or a C.D. Comprehensive Development Zone, then wheelchair let-downs are also being constructed at all crosswalk locations including as well all existing sidewalks.

Prior to 1985, our wheelchair let-down policy dictated that they were to be confined to commercial, industrial and recreational areas and were to be provided on all new and reconstructed sidewalk projects. A special work order was maintained to build wheelchair let-downs in these zones where a need was indicated. The policy was changed in 1985 whereby we now place wheelchair let-downs on all new and reconstructed sidewalks anywhere in the municipality which included the past two local improvement programs. A special project work order is maintained to establish wheelchair let-downs in areas where curb and sidewalks already exist. The majority of these let-downs have been placed along commercial corridors and in the Metrotown area. During 1987, 128 wheelchair let-downs were installed in new sidewalk construction projects and an additional 65 from our special project work order were built into existing sidewalks. Individual requests are also placed on our special projects list and are installed as soon thereafter as we can schedule our works crews to do them.

Council also requested information on the practicability of establishing handicapped parking zones on the municipal street system. We would advise that we are in the process of investigating all ramifications of such zoning such as possible locations, type of signing, vehicle identification and enforcement. We are also in touch with adjacent

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municipalities to see if they have adopted a system of handicapped parking zones and how they control them; the reason for this research is to try, if possible, to establish some form of uniformity. At the conclusion of our investigation, we will be submitting a full report to Council on this subject.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: Traffic Supervisor
Director Planning & Building Inspection