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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	36
COUNCIL MEETING	88/05/16

RE: LETTER FROM MR. A. ANDERSON WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 09TH
MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3 D)
REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING AT 4900 - 5100 DOMINION STREET

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 MAY 11

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING ONLY,
4900-5100 DOMINION STREET**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council not approve of resident parking only in the 4900-5100 blocks of Dominion Street.
2. THAT Mr. Anderson be sent a copy of this report.

R E P O R T

A letter and petition from Mr. Anderson of 4929 Dominion Street requesting resident parking only signs appeared on the May 09 Council Agenda. The resident parking only signs are believed by him to be a solution to the problems of littering by tenant residents within his neighborhood. Resident parking only does not differentiate between tenants and owners who are residents within the same block, therefore, the problems described in his letter would not be resolved.

If resident parking only were installed then visitors would not be allowed to park on the street nor would they be able to "ask permission for parking" as stated by Mr. Anderson in his letter. To suggest that visitors could park on Westminster Avenue (see attached sketch) ignores the fact that even Westminster Avenue is subject to enforcement of the Street and Traffic Bylaw, Section 13 (6) which states:

"No person shall, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the morning and 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, park any vehicle on any street abutting any premises used for residential or commercial purposes for more than three hours unless such premises are the property or residence of such person or his employer."

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This Bylaw section can be used by the local residents in parking by non-residents such as employees of a neighboring business or students from B.C.I.T. were a problem.

The effectiveness of resident parking only signs in reducing crime would be dependent on the degree of enforcement of the signs which in turn depends on the ability of the residents to identify vehicles belonging within their neighborhood. In an area such as Mr. Anderson's neighborhood where there are a fair number of tenants (who tend to change residences more often than owners) there would be a problem in knowing which vehicles belong to residents. Also, it is doubtful if parking restriction signs would act as a deterrent to someone intent on committing a more serious crime.

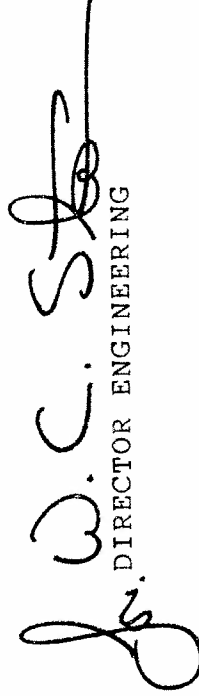
Mr. Anderson's suggestion that his neighborhood be used as an experiment for resident parking only is not supported by this Department as we have had resident parking only adjacent to the Burnaby General Hospital for several years. This latter area has provided us with enough experience to understand the advantages and disadvantages of resident parking only. Two of the most common problems encountered with resident parking only are lack of visitor parking and improperly identified residents who receive tickets.

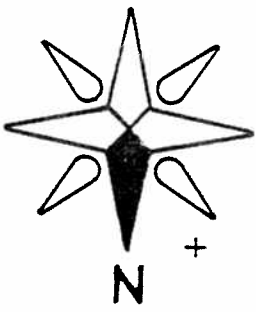
In summary, the intent of a resident parking only restriction is to remove from a residential neighborhood any vehicles belonging to persons not resident within the neighborhood. Its effectiveness in controlling other problems such as littering or criminal activity within a neighborhood is doubtful. In view of this and the negative results of resident parking only, we recommend against the installation of resident parking only as requested by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson was unavailable due to his being out of town but the contents of this report were relayed to Mrs. Anderson.

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cc: Traffic Supervisor


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

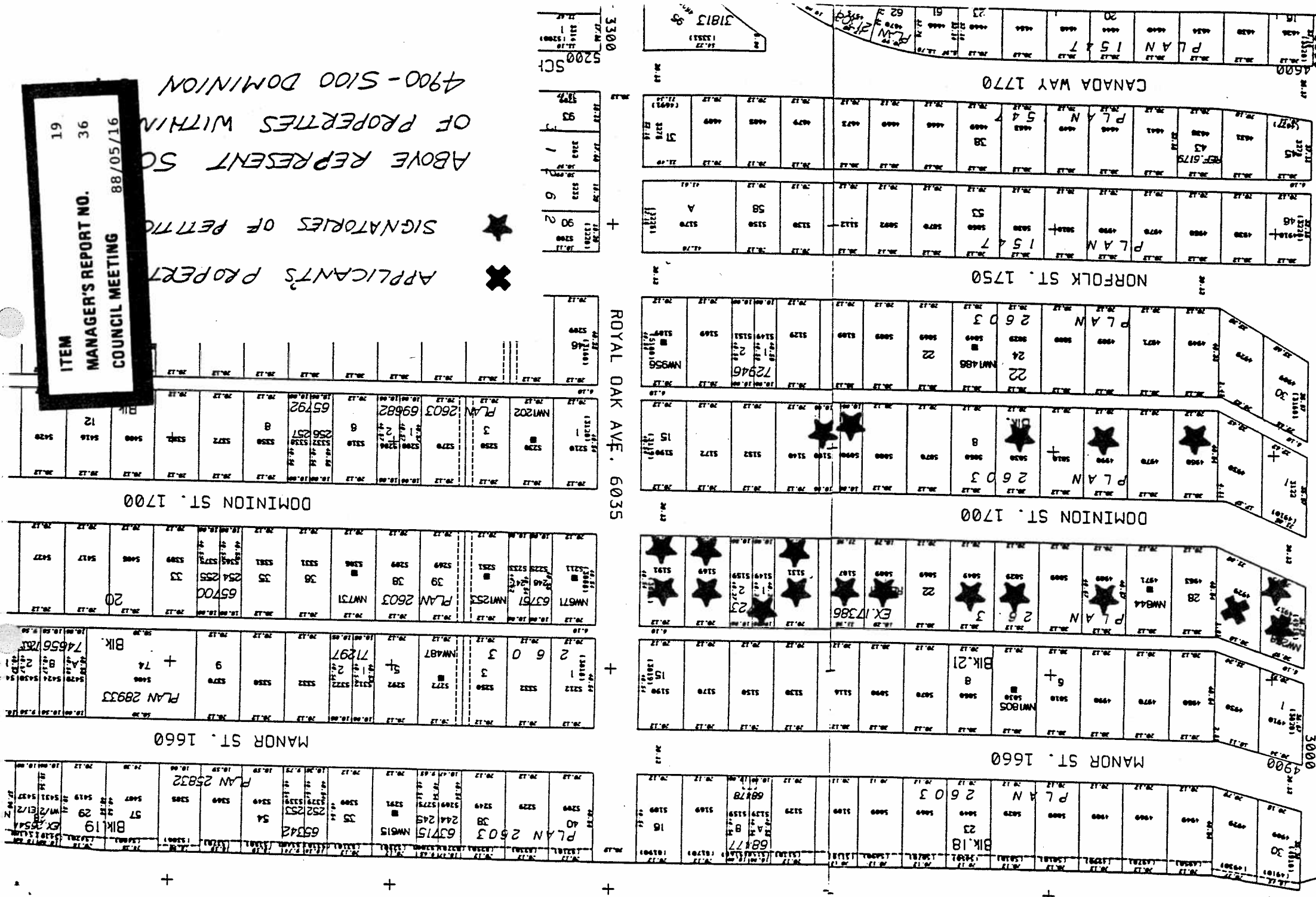


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APPLICANT'S PROPERTY SIGNATORIES OF PETITION ABOVE REPRESENT SO OF PROPERTIES WITHIN 4900-5100 DOMINION



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