

RE: LETTER FROM MR. CARL WENZEL WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE 1988 JUNE 20TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3j)
REQUEST FOR A MARKED CROSSWALK ACROSS KINGSWAY AT WALTHAM AVENUE

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 JUNE 21
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: KINGSWAY AND WALTHAM AVENUE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Mr. Carl Wenzel, #309 - 6077 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 1E5 be sent a copy of this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report and attachments be sent to the District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the Council Agenda of 1988 June 20 under Correspondence was a submission from Mr. Carl Wenzel on behalf of the residents of the Doug Drummond Manor, 6077 Kingsway, requesting a marked crosswalk across Kingsway at Waltham Avenue.

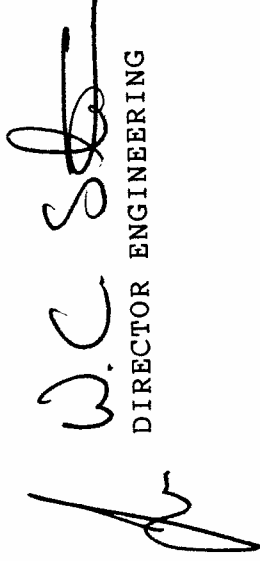
Over the years previous requests have been made by the residents of the Doug Drummond Manor to have a crosswalk painted on Kingsway at Waltham Avenue. These requests have been forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways who have jurisdiction over Kingsway. On each occasion Highways staff have advised that they would not be prepared to consider such a request because of the extreme hazards of such a crossing on a multi-lane arterial highway. They have also advised that they would not consider a signal at this location as it would be too close to the existing signals at Imperial Street and at Gilley Avenue.

The previous requests submitted for a crossing of Kingsway at Waltham Avenue have been for the purpose of getting to or from the bus stop at Curragh Avenue (see attached sketch). We contacted Mr. Wenzel and he confirmed that this was still one of the reasons but that they also wished to cross Kingsway to eat at a number of restaurants situated between Waltham and Randolph Avenues.

We can only suggest most strongly that these citizens utilize the existing signalized crossings at either Imperial Street or Gilley Avenue to cross Kingsway. While they will have further to walk, which we realize can be difficult for those with those with physical impairments, these particular pedestrians would also be more vulnerable to serious accidents if trying to cross a multi-lane facility without the positive control of the traffic provided by a signal.

As the Ministry of Transportation and Highways have jurisdiction over Kingsway, a copy of this report and attachment, together with Mr. Wenzel's submission should be sent to the District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, 309, 6th Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 3A7 for their consideration.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

