

RE: LETTER FROM B. ROMANIUK WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 08TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 1)
SPEEDING PROBLEM ON HUMPHRIES BETWEEN ELWELL AND IMPERIAL

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 AUGUST 16

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: HUMPHRIES AVENUE BETWEEN ELWELL AND IMPERIAL

PURPOSE: To respond to the concerns raised in the letter and petition submitted by B. Romaniuk of 6818 Humphries Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to B. Romaniuk of 6818 Humphries Avenue.

REPORT

Appearing on the agenda for the 1989 August 08 regular Council meeting was a letter from B. Romaniuk of 6818 Humphries Avenue with a petition attached from the residents of the 6600-6800 block Humphries Avenue regarding the use of Humphries Avenue as a short cut by traffic between Edmonds Street and Imperial Street and a speeding problem generated by this traffic.

On Tuesday, 1989 August 01, we conducted automatic traffic counts on Humphries Avenue between Edmonds Street and Elwell Street and between Elwell Street and Imperial Street. As a comparison, Strathmore Avenue and Acacia Avenue, the streets one block either side of Humphries Avenue were also counted between Elwell Street and Imperial Street. The results of these counts are indicated in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1: 24 Hour Vehicle Counts

1. Humphries Ave, Edmonds St to Elwell St	2146 vehicles
2. Humphries Ave, Elwell St to Imperial St	1067 vehicles
3. Acacia Ave, Elwell St to Imperial St	569 vehicles
4. Strathmore Ave, Elwell St to Imperial St	187 vehicles

As reflected by the vehicle volume counts, Humphries Avenue is functioning as a minor collector link between Edmonds Street and Imperial Street although just over half of the traffic from Edmonds Street dissipates at Elwell Street. We have observed that Acacia Avenue also serves as a link in conjunction with Mary Avenue which runs between Elwell Street and Edmonds Street slightly north of Acacia. The Strathmore Avenue vehicle volumes is typical of a street in this area without a direct connection to Edmonds Street. Strathmore Avenue runs only between Elwell Street and Imperial Street.

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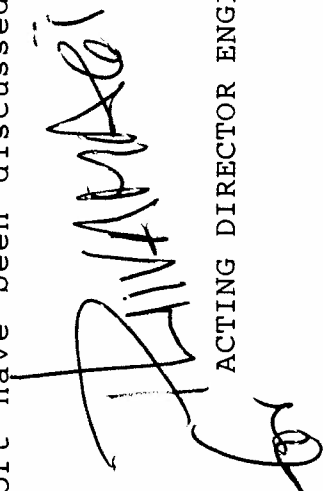
Humphries Avenue has historically functioned as a minor collector link for the neighbourhood between Edmonds Street and Imperial Street. Humphries Avenue and Elwell Street also serve as the main access routes to Richmond Park. In 1967, sidewalks were installed on both sides of Humphries and the pavement was constructed to its present 11.0 m (36 ft) width, reflecting the standard width for a minor collector.

As a comparison, Acacia Avenue and Strathmore Avenue were constructed to the 8.5 m (28 ft) residential standard. The layout of this neighbourhood is indicated on Sketch 1 (attached). Placing of diverter barricades as requested by the petitioners would result in shifting the traffic to one of the other adjacent streets. The volumes counted on Humphries are not excessive for a minor collector street. In the absence of an alternate route, Humphries Avenue should not be barricaded.

The other main concern of the petitioners is a speeding problem. We have written to the R.C.M.P. requesting their assistance in resolving this problem through enforcement.

In the letter accompanying the petition, B. Romaniuk refers to our intention to replace the existing yield signs at the intersection of Elwell Street and Humphries Avenue with stop signs. In a report appearing on the Traffic Safety Committee agenda for the meeting of 1989 April 04, we advised the Committee that all such yield signs would be replaced with stop signs. We have proceeded with these replacements on the basis of accident history relative to other priorities. This intersection does not have a severe accident history but in consideration of Mrs. Romaniuk's concerns, we have advised our crews to proceed with this replacement now.

The contents of this report have been discussed with Mrs. Romaniuk.



ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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Attach.

cc: R.C.M.P.
Traffic Supervisor

